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LIST OF THE CLERGY.

The Right Reverend JOHN WATRUS BECKWITH, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese.—Macon.

BABBITT,* D.D., P. TELLER—Rector of St. John's Church, Bainbridge.

BENEDICT, SAMUEL—Rector of St. John's Church, Savannah.

BROWN, EDMUND P.—Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Thomasville.

CLARKE, WM. H.—Rector of St. Paul's Church, Augusta.

CLUTE,* R. B.—Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Darien.

COLEY, CHARLES H.—Rector of St Mark's Church, Brunswick.

DOWE, CALEB—Rector of St. George's Church, Griffin.

ELLIOTT,* R. W. B.—Deacon, Missionary at Cartersville &c.

EPPES, WM. E.—Rector of St. James' Church, Marietta.

FIELDING,* JOHN—Residing in South Carolina.

GEORGE, J. HARDEN—Rector of St. Mark's Church, LaGrange.

GRANT,* CHARLES A.—Residing at Thomasville.

HARISON,* WILLIAM H.—Baltimore.

HARRIS, SAMUEL S.—Rector of Trinity Church, Columbus.

HENDERSON, D.D., M. H.—Rector of Emmanuel Church, Athens.

HUNT, JOHN J.—Marietta.

HUNT, WM. H.—Deacon, residing in Atlanta, and assisting the Rector.

HUNTER, WM. C.—Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Augusta.

JOHNSON, BENJAMIN—Rector of Christ Church, Macon.

JOHNSON,* RICHARD—St. Francisville, La.

KNOWLES, JOSHUA—Rector Church of the Redeemer, Greensboro', &c.

LANEY,* SAMSON D.—Deacon, residing in Columbus, and acting as Missionary.

LEACOCK, WM.—Louisiana.

MACAULEY, GEORGE—Rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany.

MITCHELL, J. M.—Rector of Christ Church, Savannah.

NEELY,* JOHN—Residing in Augusta.

PINKERTON,* SAMUEL J.—Residing in Augusta.

PRYSE,* JOHN T.—Residing at Montpelier, near Macon.

REES, H. KOLLOCK—Rector of St. Paul's Church, Macon.

SKINNER,* HENRY A.—Ass't Priest of the Church of the Atonement.

STANLEY, THOMAS C.—Ass't to Rector of St. John's Church, Savannah, in charge of St. John's Mission Chapel and St. Stephen's Church, Savannah.

STANLEY, A. O.—Deacon, Ass't to Rector of St. Mark's Church, LaGrange.

THOMAS,* CHARLES W.—Rector of St. Philip's Church, Atlanta.

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM C.—Rector of St. Peter's Church, Rome.

* Absent

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

Christ Church, Savannah.

JOHN WILLIAMSON,
A. L. HARTRIDGE,*
J. G. THOMAS, M. D.

St. Paul's Church, Augusta.

E. P. CLAYTON,*
J. C. FARGO,*
C. A. PLATT,*

Trinity Church, Columbus.

P. W. ALEXANDER,
T. G. POND,
GEO. W. DILLINGHAM,

St. John's Church, Savannah.

WM. S. BOGART,
L. DE WITT,
THOS. H. AUSTIN.

St. Stephen's, Milledgeville.

JOHN L. THOMAS,*
JOHN M. CLARK,*
FLEMING G. GRIEVE.

St. James' Church, Marietta.

B. R. STRONG, M. D.,
SAMUEL LAWRENCE,*
B. W. FROBEL,*

Emmanuel Church, Athens.

R. D. MOORE, M. D.,
R. L. BLOOMFIELD,*
JAMES BANCROFT.*

St. Peter's Church, Rome.

H. M. ANDERSON, M. D.,*
JOS. E. VEAL,*
J. G. YEISER.*

St. Philip's Church, Atlanta.

JOSEPH H. SMITH,
EDWARD PARSONS,
J. W. THOMAS.*

St. Paul's Church, Albany.

Y. G. RUST,
B. M. CROMWELL, M. D.,
R. K. HINES.

Church of the Atonement, Augusta.

RICHARD S. AGNEW,*
W. W. MONTGOMERY,*
JOHN S. DAVIDSON.

St. Mark's Church, Brunswick.

P. M. NIGHTINGALE,*
T. M. FURMAN.*

St. Mark's Church, LaGrange.

C. H. C. WILLINGHAM,
J. A. ROBERT.*

St. Thomas' Church, Thomasville.

JACOB ROCKENBAUGH.*

St. Paul's Church, Macon.

T. A. BURKE,
CHARLES H. HALL, M. D.,*
WILLIAM B. COTTON.

* Absent.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS.

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Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,
Mr. WILLIAM HUNTER,
Mr. JOHN SCREVEN.
Mr. JOHN M. GUERARD,

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Rev. WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS,
Rev. SAMUEL BENEDICT,
Rev. H. KOLLOCK REES,
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Mr. W. S. BOGART,
Mr. R. D. MOORE,
Mr. H. M. ANDERSON,

Treasurer University of the South.

JAMES CAMAK, M. D., Athens.

Secretary of the Convention.

Rev. WILLIAM C. WILLIAMS, Rome.

Remittanees for the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans will be made to W. W. LINCOLN, Esq., Savannah.

The next Annual Convention of the Diocese of Georgia will assemble in St. Peter's Church, Rome, on Wednesday, the 10th day of May, 1870.

COLLECTIONS ORDERED BY CONVENTION.

For Diocesan Missions.

JULY, OCTOBER, JANUARY AND APRIL.

For Widows and Orphans of Clergymen.

CHRISTMAS, OR THE SUNDAY BEFORE OR AFTER.

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FIRST DAY.

MAY 4th, 1870.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Georgia, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Albany.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Benjamin Johnson, Rector of Christ Church, Macon, assisted by the Rev. John Philson, Rector, elect, of St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville. The Ante Communion Service was said by the Rev. Samuel S. Harris, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbus, the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, Rector of Christ Church, Savannah, reading the Epistle and the Rev. Caleb Dowe, Rector of St. George's Church, Griffin, the Gospel.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. John M. Mitchell, from II Kings, II chapter, 15th verse, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha."

The Holy Communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Geo. Macauley, Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Messrs. Harris and Dowe joining in the distribution of the elements.

The Bishop of the Diocese then took the Chair and directed the Secretary to call the roll of the Clergy, whereupon the following answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese.

Rev. SAMUEL BENEDICT,	Rev. EDMUND P. BROWN,
Rev. WM. H. CLARKE,	Rev. CALEB DOWE,
Rev. SAMUEL S. HARRIS,	Rev. WM. H. HUNT,
Rev. BENJAMIN JOHNSON,	Rev. GEORGE MACAULEY,
Rev. JOSHUA KNOWLES,	Rev. J. M. MITCHELL,
Rev. H. KOLLOCK REES,	Rev. THOMAS C. STANLEY,
Rev. A. O. STANLEY,	Rev. WM. C. WILLIAMS,

The certificates of election of Lay Delegates were presented and read:

Ordered, That they be referred to a Committee on Credentials.

The Chair appointed as the Committee, Rev. Messrs. Johnson, Harris and Benedict.

The Committee reported the certificates to be in form and the following gentlemen entitled to seats:

CHRIST CHURCH, SAVANNAH.
JOHN WILLIAMSON,
A. S. HARTRIDGE,
J. G. THOMAS, M. D.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, AUGUSTA.
E. P. CLAYTON,
J. C. FARGO,
C. A. PLATT.

TRINITY CHURCH, COLUMBUS.
P. W. ALEXANDER,
T. G. POND,
GEO. W. DILLINGHAM.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SAVANNAH.
WM. S. BOGART.
L. DE WITT,
THOMAS H. AUSTIN.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MILLEDGEVILLE.
JOHN S. THOMAS,
JOHN M. CLARK,
FLEMING GRIEVE.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, ATHENS.
R. D. MOORE, M. D.
R. L. BLOOMFIELD,
JAMES BANCROFT.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ROME.
H. M. ANDERSON,
JOS. E. VEAL,
J. G. YEISER.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ALBANY.
Y. G. RUST.
B. M. CROMWELL, M. D.
R. K. HINES.

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT, AUGUSTA.
RICHARD S. AGNEW,
W. W. MONTGOMERY,
JOHN S. DAVIDSON.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, LAGRANGE.
C. H. C. WILLINGHAM,
J. A. ROBERT.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, ATLANTA.
JOSEPH H. SMITH.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, THOMASVILLE.
JACOB ROCKENBAUGH.

The roll of Lay Delegates was called and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. Alexander, Pond, Dillingham, Bogart, De Witt, Austin, Grieve, Moore, Smith, Rust, Cromwell, Hines, Davidson, Willingham and Rockenbaugh.

A quorum of both orders being present the Convention was declared organized.

The Rev. Wm. C. Williams was re-elected Secretary.

The Chair appointed as the Committee on the Admission of New Parishes,

Rev. Messrs. Dowe and T. C. Stanley, and Messrs. Rockenbaugh, Bogart and Grieve.

The Rev. Mr. Rees presented the petition of St. Paul's Church, Macon, for admission into union with the Convention.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Admission of New Parishes.

The Committee on the Admission of New Parishes retired and after a short time presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the application of the Church of St. Paul's, Macon, report that it is in accordance with the Constitution, and recommend that it be received into union with the Convention.

CALEB DOWE, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Certificate of the election of Lay Delegates from St. Paul's Church, Macon, was presented and read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported the following persons entitled to seats:

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MACON.

THOMAS A. BURKE, Dr. CHARLES H. HALL,
WM. B. COTTON.

Messrs. Burke and Cotton appeared and took their seats.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Benedict,

Resolved, That the session of the Convention begin each day at 10 o'clock, and end not later than 3 o'clock.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Mitchell, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Clergymen of other Dioceses and Candidates for Orders be invited to take seats in this Convention.

The Rev. John Philson, Rector elect of St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville, of the Diocese of Louisiana accepted the invitation.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Benedict,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to report

suitable resolutions concerning the decease of our beloved brother, the Rev. James Stoney.

The Chair appointed as the Committee Rev. Messrs. Benedict, T. C. Stanley and Mr. Thomas H. Austin.

On motion the Convention adjourned.

At night, Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Dowe, assisted by the Rev. T. C. Stanley, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Benjamin Johnson.

THURSDAY, May 5th, 1870.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Knowles, assisted by the Rev. Wm. H. Hunt.

Present, as on yesterday, with the addition of Rev. Messrs. Coley, Eppes and George, and Messrs. Williamson and Thomas.

Certificates of the election of Lay Delegates were presented from Christ Church, Macon, St. James', Marietta, St. Philip's, Atlanta and St. Mark's, Brunswick.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee reported that the certificates were in form and the following persons were entitled to seats:

CHRIST CHURCH, MACON.

HON. C. B. COLE,
L. N. WHITTLE,
SAMUEL HALL.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, MARIETTA.

B. R. STRONG, M. D.
SAMUEL LAWRENCE,
B. W. FROBEL.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, ATLANTA.

EDWARD PARSONS,
J. W. THOMAS.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, BRUNSWICK.

P. M. NIGHTINGALE,
T. M. FURMAN.

Messrs. Cole, Whittle, Hall, Strong and Parsons took their seats.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. C. H. Coley his assistant.

The Chair announced the following Committees:

On the State of the Church, Rev. Messrs. Mitchell, Johnson, Clarke, Hunt and Brown.

On Unfinished Business, Rev. Mr. Harris and Messrs Burke and Rust.

On Finance, Messrs. Bogart, Whittle, Alexander, Thomas, M. D., and Parsons.

The Bishop read his Annual Address:

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

I respectfully present to you the following report of my labors during the past twelve months.

May 6th, 1869. In the afternoon I laid the corner stone of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville, near Augusta, assisted by a large number of the clergy and laity; after the services I delivered a short address.

May 8th. Acknowledged letter dimissory of Rev. W. E. Eppes, Presbyter from the Diocese of Florida.

May 9th. Held service in the morning, preached, confirmed fourteen, administered the Holy Communion in St. Paul's Church, Augusta, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Hunter, Neely, Williams, Elliott and the Rector, Rev. W. H. Clarke.

In the evening held service, assisted by the same brethren and confirmed ten—later in the evening I confirmed, in private, one.

May 10th. Received notice from the Bishop of New Jersey of the deposition from the sacred ministry of Rev. Marshall B. Smith, Presbyter.

May 16th. Held morning service in Christ Church, Macon, assisted by the Rector, Rev. H. K. Rees and his assistant missionary, Rev. Wm. Leacock.

May 17th. Received notice from the Bishop of Illinois of deposition from the sacred ministry of Rev. Henry W. Woods, Presbyter.

May 23d. Held morning service in Christ Church, Macon, assisted by Rev. Wm. Leacock.

In the evening held service, assisted by Mr. Leacock, and preached in the same church.

May 24th. I gave my canonical consent to the organization of the new Parish of St. Paul, Macon.

May 30th. It was my great privilege to attend and take

part in the services in my old and dearly loved Parish of Trinity, New Orleans. The occasion was the ordination to the sacred order of Priests of the Rev. John M. Gallaher, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Louisiana. I was permitted to preach the ordination sermon, and thus wish God speed to my successor. It would be introducing private matters into an official report were I to speak of my gratitude to God for permitting me once more to worship with my old flock, and to receive from them assurances of their kindly recollection of their former Pastor.

In the afternoon I attended service, with the Bishop and a number of the city Clergy, and made a short address in St. Luke's Church, New Orleans.

June 2d. Performed in private the marriage service and baptized one child in New Orleans.

June 6th. Held morning service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Morrison and Duncan; preached and administered the Holy Communion in Trinity Church, New Orleans.

In the afternoon I attended service in Christ Church, New Orleans, conducted by a Spanish Priest, lately a Romanist.

June 9th. Held morning service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Bakewell and Duncan, in Trinity Church, New Orleans.

June 11th. Held evening service and baptized two adults and two infants in the same church.

June 13th. Held morning service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Bakewell, and preached in the same church.

June 20th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Hanson, and preached in Demopolis, Alabama.

June 24th. Received notice of deposition from the sacred ministry of Rev. J. J. Talbott, of the Diocese of California.

June 25th. Received letter dimissory from the Diocese of Louisiana of Rev. Robt. B. Clute.

July 1st. I laid the corner stone of Calvary Church, Americus, assisted by Mr. Broone of Alabama, Mr. Macauley of Albany and Messrs. Rees and Leacock of Macon.

July 4th. Held morning service and administered the Holy

Communion, assisted by Rev. Mr. Leacock in Christ Church, Macon.

July 8th. Received letter dimissory from the Diocese of Ohio of Rev. Benjamin Johnson.

July 15th. Received letter dimissory from the Diocese of Alabama of Rev. Samuel Smith Harris.

July 18th. Held morning service, assisted by Mr. Leacock and preached in St. Paul's Church, Macon.

July 25th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Henderson and preached in Emmanuel Church, Athens.

In the evening, held service and preached in the same church.

August 8th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector and preached in the same church.

In the evening, held service and again preached in the same church.

August 15th. I had the privilege of taking part in the morning service with the Bishops of Mississippi, Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Easton and Florida in the Chapel of the University of the South.

In the evening I held service in the same Chapel, assisted by Rev. Dr. Fulton of Christ Church, Mobile, Ala. and preached.

August 22d. Held morning service in Christ Church, Riverdale, New York.

August 29th. Held morning service, assisted by Rev. Dr. Cooke, of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, in the same church.

September 2d. Received notice of the deposition from the sacred ministry of Rev. John W. Shatzel, Presbyter, of the Diocese of Minnesota.

September 5th. Held morning service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Dr. Whittaker, Bishop elect of Nevada, (when it was my privilege to hear him preach) in Christ Church, Riverdale.

September 12th. Held service and preached in the same church.

October 3d. Held service and administered the Holy Communion in the same church, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Wildes.

October 10th. Held morning service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Rev. W. C. Williams and Rev. Mr. Elliott, his assistant missionary, preached and confirmed four in St. Peter's Church, Rome.

Held evening service, confirmed one and preached in the same church.

October 12th. In the morning I held service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Messrs. Williams and Elliott, preached and confirmed four in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cave Spring.

October 14th. Held evening service and preached in the Presbyterian Church, Dalton, assisted by Messrs. Williams and Elliott.

October 15th. Held morning service, assisted by the same brethren and preached in the new Church in Kingston.

October 17th. Held morning service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Mr. Elliott, preached and confirmed three in Ascension Church, near Cartersville.

In the evening, held service and preached in the Presbyterian Church, Cartersville.

Cave Spring, Dalton, Kingston and Cartersville form the missionary field in charge of Rev. Mr. Elliott, and it affords me pleasure to state that under his laborious care, the church in all these places is growing. Sound church instruction—free from ultraisms or party spirit is here producing its natural results, people are learning to love the church as the Bride of Christ, to value her sacraments as *real means* of a *real grace*, and to reverence her ministry as holding a divine commission, preserved through the ages and originating with Christ Himself. In Dalton a new and handsome church building is being erected. The Parish is poor but their zeal does not flag: their trials will only cause them the more fully to appreciate their privileges when the work is done. In Kingston a small but

comfortable church has been built. To the efforts, under God, of the Misses Howard and Mr. Eddy, guided by Mr. Elliott this work is due. May the Master bless them for what they have done and may His Holy Spirit encourage and strengthen them for future effort.

October 18th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Eppes, in St. James' Church, Marietta, and preached.

October 19th. Held evening service again, assisted by the Rector, preached and confirmed six in the same church. In the morning I baptized one infant.

This Parish has long suffered from the need of a Pastor who could devote his entire time to the church's work, and has been most fortunate in securing the services of one so devoted and acceptable as Mr. Eppes.

October 23d. Held morning service, baptized three adults, confirmed eleven and lectured in Emmanuel Church, Athens. These persons presented for Holy Baptism and for Confirmation are the fruits, under God, of a Layman's devotion, and shows what blessings are in the hands of the Laity, if, amid the cares of daily life, they will only take the trouble to dispense them.

October 24th. Held morning service in the same church, baptized one adult, confirmed three and lectured. In the evening again held service, preached and delivered an address.

October 28th. Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Joshua Knowles, in the Methodist Church in Washington.

October 29th. Held evening service and preached in the Baptist Church in the same place.

October 31st. Held morning service, assisted by Mr. Knowles, baptized one infant and lectured in the Church of the Advent in Madison. In the evening held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Pinkerton, and preached in the same church.

November 1st. Held evening service, assisted by Mr.

Knowles, and preached in the Church of the Redeemer, Greensboro.

November 2d. Administered the Holy Communion in private to a sick lady in Athens.

November 7th. Held morning service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Chas. W. Thomas and Rev. Mr. Hunt, Deacon, and preached in St. Philip's Church, Atlanta. In the evening again held service, preached and confirmed seventeen persons, one of which was colored, and addressed the candidates in the same church.

The rapid growth of this city renders one Parish and one Rector, however zealous, entirely unequal to the demands made upon the church. It will not be long, I trust, before a new Parish will be organized and in full operation.

November 9th. Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Mr. George, Rector, Rev. Mr. Stanley, Deacon, preached and confirmed three in LaGrange.

November 10th. Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. George, Stanley and Hunt, and preached in the large Hall of the flourishing school presided over by Mr. M. P. Kellog, in Newnan.

November 11th. Held evening service, preached and lectured in the same place.

November 12th. I had the pleasure of addressing the young ladies of this school. In the evening of the same day I again held service, baptized one adult, confirmed eight, preached and lectured.

I desire to record my thanks for the many courtesies extended to me in this place, especially by the enterprising and efficient President of the College Temple, Mr. Kellog. A Parish has been lately organized in Newnan, and this was the first visit they had ever secured from a Bishop of the Church. I was greatly encouraged by my visit. I found quite a number of persons looking for the church; the more they saw of her services and

heard of her doctrine, the more they seemed attracted by her. Rev. Messrs. George and Stanley seem to be doing a good work here, in which, I trust, they will be blessed.

November 14th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Caleb Dowe, preached and confirmed three in Griffin. In the afternoon I laid the corner stone of St. George's Church, Griffin, and delivered an address. In this place a handsome stone church is being built. Here also the people are learning to know and love the church. Violent prejudices are giving way, as they ever must and will when the church is shown kindly, but in her integrity.

November 17th. Received letter dimissory of Rev. Henry A. Skinner, Presbyter, from the Diocese of North Carolina.

November 28th. Took part in the morning service, assisted by Rev. Dr. Henderson and Rev. Joshua Knowles in Emmanuel Church, Athens.

December 3d. Held evening service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Leacock and preached in St. Stephen's church, Milledgeville.

December 5th. Held morning service, assisted by Rev. Dr. Henderson and Rev. Mr. Knowles, lectured and confirmed two in Emmanuel Church, Athens.

December 12th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. H. K. Rees, in St. Paul's Church, Macon.

December 19th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Benjamin Johnson, and preached in Christ Church, Macon. In the evening again held service, assisted by Messrs. Johnson, Rees and Leacock, preached and confirmed three in the same church.

December 24th. Held service again in Christ Church, Macon, assisted by the Rector and Rev. Messrs. Rees and Leacock.

December 25th. Held morning service, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Rees and Leacock, addressed the children, lectured and administered the Holy Communion in St. Paul's Church, Macon.

December 26th. The Rector being absent, I took the entire service and preached in the morning in Christ Church, Macon.

In the evening I held service, assisted by Mr. Rees, lectured and confirmed four in St. Barnabas Mission, Macon.

December 29th. I gave my canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Arkansas. On the same day I received through Mr. G. W. J. De Renne, of Savannah, Five Hundred Dollars, being a contribution made through him, to aid in building a church in Middle Georgia. The money was, with the consent of Mr. De Renne, given to St. George's Parish, Griffin.

December 30th. Performed the marriage service in private in, Macon.

January 2d, 1870. Held morning service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Mr. Rees in St. Paul's Church, Macon.

January 7th. Took part in the evening service with the Rector, Rev. Mr. Harris in Trinity Church, Columbus.

January 9th. Held morning service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector and preached in Trinity Church, Columbus. In the evening I again held service, preached and confirmed twenty-six and addressed the candidates in the same church.

January 10th. Confirmed in private one.

My visit to Columbus was one of peculiar interest and gratification. Trinity Parish had been for some eight months without a regular Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Deniston, giving it such service as his duties elsewhere would permit. I knew that the Parish had suffered, as under such circumstances must ever be the case. The place is an important one, and I had felt very great anxiety that no mistake might be made in the choice of a Rector. I found the Parish alive and prosperous, the people rallying with loving hearts around their young Pastor, and he earnestly, zealously and yet prudently guiding and directing their energies. May the Master prosper the work and long spare him to his flock.

January 13th. I performed the marriage service in St. Paul's Church, Augusta.

January 14th. Held evening service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Stoney and Rev. Messrs Mitchell and Stanley, preached and confirmed six and catechized the children in St. Stephen's Church (colored) Savannah.

January 15th. Held evening service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Mitchell, and preached in Christ Church, Savannah.

January 16th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Benedict, made a short missionary address, preached and confirmed eight in St. John's Church, Savannah. In the afternoon I baptized one child in Christ Church, Savannah.

I also held service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Stanley, Missionary, and Rev. Messrs. Benedict and Mitchell, preached and confirmed eleven in St. John's Mission, Savannah.

In the evening I held service, assisted by Messrs. Mitchell, Benedict, Stanley and Stoney in Christ Church, made a short address and confirmed fifteen. I was so wearied by the labors of the day, that after beginning my sermon, I was compelled to desist and proceed at once to the confirmation service.

The condition of the Church in Savannah is very encouraging. Her growth is steady and rapid. St. John's Parish has found it necessary to establish a mission which has already gathered a large number within its fold, and under the energetic guidance of Rev. Mr. Stanley, promises soon to attain the rank of a new and prosperous parish; while Christ Church Parish finding itself unable to provide seats for its increasing congregations has enlarged its borders by making many and most desirable changes in the interior of the church building by which its capacity is greatly increased, and its beauty and comfort enhanced. It will not, I think, be long before these noble Parishes will again be required to make room for those, who seeing the pleasant ways of the Church Catholic, are yearning to walk in her paths of peace.

It is my sad duty, however, to announce the death of the faithful Priest, who ministered in holy things to the congregation of St. Stephen. After a brief illness which was borne with

christian patience and resignation, he passed away in February. I was grieved that a visitation in another part of the Diocese prevented my joining my brethren in the solemn service which the church has taught us to say over the remains of those who die in the Lord. I am thankful to say that my Rt. Rev. Brother, the Bishop of Florida, was in Savannah at the time and acted in my place. Would that any words of mine could lessen the sorrows of the bereaved family. The Master promises rest to those who in their travail and weariness go to Him. Mr. Stoney was a faithful Pastor who often led his flock and family forth beside the waters of comfort, doubtless they realize the value of his teaching now in the day of their trial and bereavement. May the Great Bishop and Shepherd of our souls be with and bless them.

The Rev. Mr. Stanley, in addition to his many other labors, has temporary charge of St. Stephen's Parish. I am glad to learn that this little flock of colored people is struggling bravely to build a Rectory. In this St. Stephen's sets an example to many older and prosperous Parishes in this Diocese which, if they are wise, they will follow. A Rector must have a home, the Parish can far better afford to supply it, than can the Rector. As a rule his salary is not more than sufficient for the support of his family, and it is not right to subject that family to unnecessary poverty by compelling the Rector to devote from twenty-five to fifty per cent. of his living to the rental of a house.

January 23d. Held service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Rees and preached in St. Paul's Church, Macon.

February 1st. Received Henry Tazwell Connor as candidate for the Holy Order of Deacons. On the same day Edwin Gardner Weed, candidate for the Diaconate, was received as candidate for the Holy Order of Priests.

February 13th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Hunter, and his assistant, Rev. Mr. Skinner, preached, administered Holy Communion, confirmed twenty, and addressed the candidates in the Church of the Atonement,

Augusta. In the evening I held service assisted, by the Rector, Rev. Wm. H. Clarke and Rev. Messrs. Neely, Skinner, Hunter, and delivered a short address upon Diocesan Missions, preached and confirmed twelve in St. Paul's Church, Augusta.

St. Paul's Church has been very much enlarged and improved, and when the improvement is completed, by the addition of a recess chancel, the old church will be very grand and imposing. I am glad to congratulate both Rector and people upon what they have done, and to wish them God speed for the future. Their influence is great—their field is grand. I pray that they may be equal to their responsibility.

Feb. 14th. I visited the Parish School of the Church of the Atonement, Augusta, and addressed the children. It was extremely gratifying to visit the School of the Atonement Parish, and to see the noble work being there done by the Rector and his Assistant. The church can never do her duty in this land until she take hold of the children. The high way to permanent success runs through the Sunday and Parish School. I wonder that this fact is not more thoroughly understood. How much toil and anxiety would be saved, if we labored to be teachers instead of orators. It is our duty and privilege to preach; but if we were also faithful teachers, the children of the church having reached adult age would be our zealous co-laborers instead of, as is now sadly the case, merely a part of that audience who come together to hear the strange story of the church's history, her doctrine, discipline and worship. How can the Church grow and strike its roots deep into the life of a community when children are raised with the idea, which is an abomination, that they are not to be interfered with in matters religious until they are old enough to judge for themselves! Were we thus, in the matter of wordly honesty, to hand them over to the Devil until they became of age, it would ruin society. Can we wonder that a similar course, in matters of religion, paralyzes the church and prepares her youth for the sophistries of infidelity! I rejoiced to see the wisdom,

in this matter, of the Rector and Assistant of the Church of the Atonement, and I pray God's blessing upon the noble Layman of St. Paul's Church, who built for them their handsome school house. May God hasten the day when every Parish in Georgia will have its Parish school, in which children are not merely being educated to be mathematicians or linguists, but churchmen. It is far more important that the rising generation should know the difference between the pure branch of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church and Sectarianism on the one hand, and heresy on the other hand, than that they should translate the orations of Cicero, or demonstrate a problem in Euclid.

February 27th. Held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Geo. Macauley, administered the Holy Communion, preached and delivered a short address upon the duties of churchmen during Lent, in St. Paul's Church, Albany. In the evening held service again in the same church, preached and confirmed seven and addressed the candidates. After service I baptized two adults.

February 28th. I held evening service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Rees, and preached in Americus. A handsome and commodious Church has lately been erected in this place which will soon be ready for consecration. The zeal and self-denial of that little flock are already beginning to reap their reward in the increase in interest in the church's welfare and growth which is displayed by the community. I trust that a Rector will soon be living and laboring in their midst.

March 1st. Received notice from the Bishop of Nebraska of the deposition from the sacred ministry of Mr. Chas. H. Rice, Presbyter.

March 2d. I took part in the service in St. Paul's Church, Macon.

March 6th. I held morning service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Chas. H. Coley, and preached in St. Mark's Church, Brunswick. In the eve-

ning I again held service in the same church, preached and confirmed seven and addressed the candidates.

On Monday the 7th, I made an effort to go to Darien but was unavoidably prevented.

March 8th. I took part in the evening service and delivered a short address, in Christ Church, Savannah.

March 9th. I again joined the Rector of Christ Church in the services.

March 10th. I held evening service, assisted by Rev. Dr. Babbit, preached and confirmed one in the Methodist House of Worship in Bainbridge.

March 11th. I administered the Holy Communion in private to a sick person, aided by the Rector, Dr. Babbit, in the same town. On the same day I received the letter dimissory of Rev. P. Teller Babbit, D. D., from the Diocese of Western New York.

March 13th. I held morning service, assisted by the Rector Rev. Mr. Brown and Rev. Mr. Philips, of Florida, and preached in St. Thomas' Church, Thomasville.

In the evening I again held service in the same church, preached and confirmed two and addressed the candidates. This Parish, under its former Rector, Rev. Chas. Grant, now I grieve to say unable, on account of impaired health, to do Parish work, has completed a handsome church building, which is free from debt and is awaiting consecration. The little band has struggled nobly and now they are being rewarded. The church is growing in number and winning the hearts of the people.

March 20th. The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Macon, being absent I supplied his place in the morning, both reading the service and preaching. In the afternoon I again read the service in the same church and had the pleasure of listening to the Rt. Rev. the Missionary Bishop of Africa.

April 2d. I took part in the evening service with the Rector, Rev. Mr. Johnson and delivered a short address in Christ Church, Macon.

April 3d. I took part in the morning service with the Rector, Rev. Mr. Rees and administered the Holy Communion in St. Paul's Church, Macon. In the evening I read the service in Christ Church, Macon.

April 17th. Easter day I spent at Riverdale, on the Hudson, in the State of New York, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Geo. Wildes, in Christ Church.

April 24th. I held morning service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. John M. Mitchell, preached and confirmed fifteen, in Christ Church, Savannah. In the afternoon I held service in St. John's Church, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Samuel Benedict and Rev. Messrs. Mitchell and Stanley, preached and confirmed of St. John's congregation thirteen, of St. John's Mission sixteen and of St. Stephen's, (colored) congregation five, making a total during this visitation of forty-nine.

May 1st. Held morning service and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Rees, preached and confirmed nine and addressed the candidates, in St. Paul's Church, Macon. In the evening I held service, assisted by the Rector, Rev. Benjamin Johnson, preached and confirmed six and addressed the candidates.

In my last report I stated that I expected, within the year, to see "The Appleton Church Home" completed and a sisterhood established and at work. I have been disappointed, but the building is nearly complete, and two christian women are waiting to enter upon their labors. I have received assurances that the building will be handed over to me in a few weeks. I trust I may not again be disappointed.

My work since the last Convention has been far from satisfactory to me. I feel that, instead of advancing it in the Diocese to its utmost, I have been somewhat a hindrance in the way of its progress. Since the 10th of October last, during the season most favorable to labor, I have lost no less than eight weeks. The circumstances which have thus interfered with

my labors have been entirely beyond my control. I mention the fact that you may know that the growth of the church is not fully represented by my report. I trust that God will enable me hereafter to meet more fully the demands of the Diocese. The past year of our church life in Georgia has been especially distinguished by works of preparation for future growth. The division of Parishes and the formation of new Parishes, the enlargement of church buildings and the erection of new churches, are so many works of preparation. Coming events are casting their influence upon the church, and she is preparing, I trust, to meet and control them. Preparation seems to be the characteristic of the religious world at this time. Religious bodies everywhere seem to be stirred by a mysterious conviction that some mighty event is not far off in the future. Our own church, in England, is being slowly but certainly arrayed against State influence and interference, and thus prepared for disestablishment. European civilization and Romish superstition and false doctrine are in open hostility, and Europe is preparing for *reform*. The famous Syllabus closes with the notorious assertion that "they are in damnable error who regard the reconciliation of the Pope with modern civilization as possible or desirable." The Provincial Council now being held in Rome is preparing to sanction this by declaring Papal Infallibility an article of the faith. Meanwhile Spain banishes the Jesuits; Italy discards the Pope's temporal power; and Austria takes the education of her children out of the hands of the Priests; and in view of Papal Infallibility, all Europe is reading the story of a Pope, Honorius by name, condemned as a heretic by *three* Councils, anathematized by Pope Leo II. and acknowledged to be a heretic, by the Popes, themselves for four hundred years in their profession of faith, made with their oath, on the day of their election.

In this country, torn and distracted by religious dissensions, Rome is crowding her emigrants. She knows that these multiform divisions, the fruit of unbridled private judgment, are driving some men into infidelity, while others in very weakness

are longing for *authority* which will combine guidance and government, with *proper* freedom of judgment, and she is preparing to meet this want by pointing to her own *infallibility*.

Sectarianism is also preparing for change. Aside from the disheartening effect of its tendency to be agitated and torn asunder by political convulsions; the growing popularity of the doctrine of the non-necessity of the unity or even existence of the *visible* church; the teaching that sacraments are not the *real* means of a *real* grace, and that an apostolic succession is not necessary to the existence of a duly authorized ministry; these all indicate preparation for changes, the extent of which no man can foresee and the certainty of which no man can prevent.

It would be strange indeed if amid the swell and move of these appproaching commotions, *individuals* in the church were not disturbed and sometimes drifted into extremes. Consequently we do find individuals injuring their influence, for good, by indulging in so-called ritualism on the one hand and mis-styled evangelicalism on the other. These *individuals*, however, do by no means represent the *church*.

The condition of things, thus briefly alluded to, seems to me, my brethren, to impose tremendous responsibilities upon us. That guidance and government, combined with proper freedom of judgment, which Rome professes to give, but which her own history for a thousand years proves to be impossible to her; our branch of the Catholic Church offers to all, and that stability which the very changes of the times show to be the great want of the times, our church, holding now, despite ages of human corruption, the same creeds, sacraments, ministry and church authority which she has held for well nigh eighteen hundred years alone can offer.

The amount of ignorance of the church in this land is most lamentable. That for which men are yearning and which they know not where to find, the church has in her keeping. Our duty to the souls of our brethren, to our age and country is to *make the Church known*. We work not for to-day, but for the future. We must expect the opposition and even the

sneers of those who do not understand us. In our work we must be charitable towards those who do not agree with us. But woe betide the Priest of the church who undertakes to be *charitable*, as it is called, towards others by suppressing the truth. The faith, the ministry the sacraments are not of *our* creation, nor do they belong to us; let us exercise charity in that which belongs to us; but as Priests of the church we are but stewards of God's mysteries; and we have no right to change, to add to, or to omit any of these truths which He has appointed us to dispense.

That God, in these difficult times, may bless His Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and guide and strengthen His appointed ministers, should be the earnest prayer of very devoted churchman, for the Redeemer's sake.

JOHN W. BECKWITH,
Bishop of Georgia.

The Parochial Reports* were presented and read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Standing Committee presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee respectfully report, that they have recommended to the Bishop for admission as candidates for Orders: Alexander G. Drysdale and Henry Edward Lucas, and for admission as candidate for the Diaconate, Henry Tazewell Conner, and for admission as candidate for Priest's Orders, Edwin G. Weed, a candidate for Deacons Orders, and they have also recommended Mr. Weed for ordination to the Diaconate.

The Committee received no official notice of the election of the Rev. Henry N. Pierce, D. D., to the Missionary Episcopate of Arkansas.

The Committee further report that in accordance with the instruction of the Convention of 1867 and 1868, they have procured a monument for the grave of the late Bishop Elliott, in Savannah, in conformity with the plan and estimate submitted by them to the last Convention.

See page 91 of Journal of 1869, and they subjoin a statement of receipts and expenditures for the same.

*See Appendix A.

RECEIPTS.

Christ Church, Savannah,	$685 90
St. John's Church, Savannah,	400 00
St. Paul's Church, Augusta,	308 45
Trinity Church, Columbus,	257 00
Emmanuel Church, Athens,	62 00
Christ Church, Macon,	60 00
St. Philip's Church, Atlanta,	50 00
St. Peter's Church, Rome,	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Albany,	26 00
St. James' Church, Marietta,	25 00
St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville,	24 00
Ascension Church, Sparta,	22 00
St. Mark's Church, Brunswick,	18 00
Church of the Redeemer, Greensboro,	7 00
St. Luke's Church, Montpellier,	5 00
	$2,000 35

EXPENDED.

Cost of Monument and Insurance in New York,	$1,920 25
Cost of foundation and erecting the Monument,	110 00
Freights, wharfage and hauling,	65 30
Mound at base of Monument,	8 00
Incidentals, Printing, Postage, &c.,	14 30
	$2,117,85

The Committee desire to record here their obligation to Mr. R. L. Bloomfield, of Athens, for the gift of One Hundred and Seventeen Dollars and Fifty Cents, which enabled them to pay the debt which they had incurred on account of the Monument.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. CLARKE,
President of the Standing Committee.

The report was received.

The report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee† was received and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Whittle,

Resolved, That a Committee of one Clergyman and one Layman be appointed by the Chair to devise some plan to increase the contributions to the Diocesan Missionary Fund, so that the Missionaries will be better and more promptly paid.

The Chair appointed Rev. Mr. Benedict and Mr. Whittle as the Committee.

The Secretary presented the report of the Wardens of Christ Church, Savannah, as Trustees of the Fund for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

†See Appendix B.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee to devise some plan to increase the contributions for Diocesan Missions, and that it be printed in the Appendix.‡

The report of the Treasurer of the Permanent Fund|| for the support of the Episcopate was presented.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion Mr. Joseph H. Smith,

Resolved, That a Committee of one Clergyman and two Laymen be appointed by the Chair, to take into consideration the subject of providing a Fund for the support of Clergymen who are unable to perform clerical duties.

Committee, Rev. Mr. Eppes, Messrs Smith and Austin.

Mr. Bogart presented the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese.¶

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Whittle,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to revise the assessments on the Parishes for the Bishop's salary.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Williams, the Chair appointed Messrs Moore, Alexander and Hines to fill the vacancies in the Committee on the revision of the Constitution and Canons.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell,

Resolved, That the Bishop's Address be refered to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee appointed to prepare a tribute to the memory of Rev. James Stoney, M. D. presented the following report:

Our Heavenly Father having removed, in the midst of his usefulness, our dear brother, Rev. James Stoney, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Savannah, from his earthly labors to his rest in Paradise.

We here meekly acknowledge our loss, and especially the loss to his parish and his family.

We lament our bereavement, but still give heartfelt thanks that our brother has finished his course with joy and left us so blessed a memory.

Our departed brother was little known in our councils. His duties and his necessities kept him closely confined to his parish. Those who knew him and his antecedents know the thoroughly deep, true, quiet, self-denying and self-sacrificing character of this christian man and minister. Reared in affluence, in the last few years of his life, he felt in the midst of unsparing labors

‡See Appendix C. ||See Appendix D. ¶See Appendix E.

for those members of the Church of Christ who loved him dearly, but could not adequately support him, the frequent presence of want. Those who knew him best, were often unaware of it, so uncomplaining was his life, and so cheerful his patience.

His death was somewhat sudden, but not suddenly did it come to him. For months he seemed to have felt the shadows of a coming translation, and the peace of God in the midst of his daily labors and daily cares appeared to find its quiet rest in his heart and home. When the summons came, he calmly turned to meet it, for "long ago," to use his own words "had he prepared himself, and was ready."

His life is an example of a loving faith and faithful labor, and his memory is blessed.

Resolved, That a copy of this testimonial be sent by the Secretary to the widow of our deceased brother, and also to the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church Savannah.

SAMUEL BENEDICT,
Chairman.

After appropriate and touching remarks by the Rev. Messrs. Benedict and Mitchell, the report was adopted, the Convention all standing.

The following preamble and resolution approved last year and laid over for adoption, was taken up:

Whereas, The Convention of this Diocese at its last session, adopted, by a unanimous vote a memorial, to the General Convention in favor of a change in the nomenclature of our General and Diocesan legislative bodies, which memorial was presented to the said General Convention at its session in New York, in October last, and failed to be approved, simply on grounds of present expediency, and

Whereas, It appears from the record that the Diocese of Virginia and Minnesota already call their legislative bodies *Councils*, and the Diocese of Nebraska was, after a long debate in the said General Convention, admitted into union with the Church in the United States, with the word *Council* as the name of its legislative body, thus sanctioning our proposed change, both in principle and practice, and

Whereas, It is still the opinion of this body that the word *Convention*, to designate an Ecclesiastical body is unsuitable, inexpedient and unchurchlike, therefore,

Resolved, That the word *Convention*, wherever it occurs in the Constitution of this Diocese, be and is hereby stricken out, and the word *Council* substituted therefor, so that this body shall hereafter be known as the Annual Council of the Diocese of Georgia.

Pending the discussion the hour for adjournment arrived. After prayers by the Bishop the Convention adjourned.

At night Evening Prayer was read by Rev. Thos. C. Stanley, assisted by Rev. A. O. Stanley, and a sermon preached by Rev. John Philson.

FRIDAY, MAY 6th, 1870.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Eppes, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Brown.

Present as on yesterday, with the exception of Rev. Mr. Knowles and Messrs. Davidson and Moore.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Knowles and Messrs Davidson and Moore were excused from further attendance on the Convention.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the consideration of the resolution changing the name of this body to Council, was resumed.

On motion of Mr. Whittle, the further consideration of the subject was laid over to the next Convention.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The last General Convention called the attention of the church throughout the country, to the great importance of christian education, and urgently recommended that all needful steps be taken to that end; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention recommend in the most earnest manner the establishment of Christian Schools in every Parish where it may be practicable.

Resolved, That the work of establishing and planting the church, in cities and towns, where it is not already established, may be carried on economically and successfully by opening Grammar Schools in Chapel School Houses, where the children may be trained in learning and religion during the week, and assembled on Sundays, with parents and others, for Divine Service.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report:

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Treasurers of the Diocese, of the Missionary Committee, and Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate, report that they have examined these accounts and find them correct, being sustained by the proper vouchers.

The question of revising the Parish assessments, having also been referred to this Committee, they further report the annexed revised list of assessments for the payment of the Bishop's salary.

WM. S. BOGART, *Chairman.*

Assessments for Bishop's Salary.

Christ Church, Savannah,	$1100 00
St. John's Church, Savannah,	1100 00
St. Paul's Church, Augusta,	1000 00
Christ Church, Macon,	450 00
Trinity Church, Columbus,	500 00
St. Paul's Church, Macon,	150 00
Emmanuel Church, Athens,	150 00
Atonement Church, Augusta,	200 00
St. Philip's Church, Atlanta,	250 00
St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville,	25 00
St. Paul's Church Albany,	75 00
St. James' Church, Marietta,	75 00
St. Peter's Church, Rome,	100 00
St. George's Church, Griffin,	20 00
St. Mark's Church, LaGrange,	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Darien,	40 00
St. Mark's Church, Brunswick,	75 00
Church of the Redeemer, Greensboro,	10 00
Church ot the Advent, Madison,	10 00
St. Mark's Church, Dalton,	10 00
Church of the Ascension, Sparta,	10 00
Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville,	25 00
Church of the Good Shepherd, Cave Spring,	10 00
St. John's Church, Bainbridge,	20 00
St. Thomas Church, Thomasville,	25 00
St. Luke's Church, Montpelier,	10 00
Mediator Church, Washington,	25 00
	$5,475 00

The report and new assessments were adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention on so much of the Bishop's address as related to "Permanent Deacons and Deacons in certain localities," presented the following report:

The duties appertaining to the office of Deacon, as enumerated in the Ordinal, all of which, save the conditional one of preaching, require certain lower qualifications than are demanded for the full exercise of the office of Pastor and Rector. Bingham enumerates under twelve or more heads the duties in the early church performed by the order of Deacons, which enumeration, harmonizes with the declaration of our Ordinal. In the early church while in some cities of the West, seven Deacons, only, could be exercising their office in any one city; in the older and more numerous cities of the East they were multiplied according to the necessities of the church.

In many cases, the Primitive Deacons were advanced to the higher order of the Ministry, yet many, if not most of them, seem to have remained Deacons all their lives. There were "Permanent Deacons" in those days. Some were men of great learning and influence, remaining Deacons without parochial care and devoting themselves to study; some seem to have remained

quietly in their humble sphere, not seeking or expecting to attain the higher degree of Presbyter.

The primitive condition of a Diocese seems to have been this: the Bishop in his See, a city and its vicinity, with many Presbyters. Each Presbyter in his parish with one or more Deacons. The duties performed by the Deacons and the actual state of things in the primitive age, seems to preclude the idea that the Diaconate was a mere first step toward the Priesthood.

The account of the appointment and ordination of seven Greek-speaking Jews to the office of Deacon, as given in the VI chapter of the Book of the Acts, and the duties expected of them, seems to harmonize with this view of the office and work of the Deacon. Two we know became preachers or evangelists. We are not told that any of them became elders or presbyters ruling the flock of Christ.

Impressed with the difference, in these respects, between the order of Deacon in our American church and the primitive church, and feeling that a necessity exists in view of the scarcity of clergy, and the wide and widely opening field before the church, many earnest and practical men began to call the attention of the General Convention to this subject. It resulted, some twenty years ago, in the lowering of the literary qualifications of those to be ordained Deacons, and gave to any Bishop who desired it, the opportunity largely to increase the laboring force of his clergy by the introduction of Deacons not qualified, and not expected to qualify themselves, for admission to the Priesthood. In some Dioceses the liberty has been used. No evil as far as we know has resulted. The fear was, that the introduction of such a class would lower the respect in which the ministry should be held, has not been realized. If due care is taken in their selection, we do not fear that under Episcopal supervision the reintroduction and extension of this feature of the Apostolic Church will cause serious injury, while we think there is a call at this time and in this Diocese, for the judicious employment, to some extent, of this power in the ministry of the church.

We offer for the consideration of the Convention, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the many new fields in which the church is desired, warrant the selection of such laymen as may be found, "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and of wisdom," to exercise in certain localities, under the direction of some Presbyter, and under the supervision of the Bishop, the office of Deacon, and until the church awakes to the necessity of a more liberal support of all her clergy, such as shall free these Deacons from the necessity of laboring, as St. Paul did, with his own hands, they may provide for themselves and families by such secular employment as the Bishop shall approve.

SAMUEL BENEDICT.
Chairman.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Benedict, the consideration of the resolution was postponed to the next Convention.

The Committee appointed to devise means to secure more prompt and liberal support for the Missionaries, presented the following resolutions as their report:

Resolved, That the Bishop is requested or each visitation of any Parish or Missionary Station to take up a collection in aid of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

Resolved, That the Treasurers of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, of the Fund for the support of Widows and Orphans, and for the Permanent Support of the Episcopate, are directed, at least two weeks before the days appointed by the Convention for taking up collections for these objects, to notify all the Ministers of the Diocese of the appointed days that they may make the proper collections.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each Minister having the charge of any Parish or Missionary Station in case he shall, from any cause, fail to take up any collection ordered by the Convention at the appointed time, to give his reasons for such failure in his annual report, and that it shall be the duty of the Committee on the State of the Church, to set forth in their report at each Convention what Parishes or Missionary Stations have failed to take up the collections ordered by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL BENEDICT,
L. N. WHITTLE,

The resolutions were adopted.

The Committee appointed to devise some mode of providing for disabled or superannuated Clergymen presented the following report:

Whereas, There are now, and may be at any time, Ministers of the church in this Diocese who, from advancing years, or failing health are disabled from active duty; and whereas, such must suffer if not provided for by Diocesan relief; and whereas, simple humanity makes it a duty to care for our fellow men, and christianity declares that "if any provide not for his own house, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel"; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested with the advice of the Rector to select and appoint in each Parish one zealous christian woman, whose duty it shall be to collect twenty-five cents from each member of the congregation; the amount raised to be forwarded in the first week in June to the Bishop to be applied by him to the relief of such clergymen in the Diocese as may be disqualified by age or infirmity for the discharge of their clerical functions.

WM. E. EPPES,
Chairman.

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

On motion the rule of order requiring the elections to be by ballot having been suspended, the Convention proceeded to elect the Treasurers.

Treasurer of the Diocese:

MR. JOHN R. JOHNSON.

Treasurer of Missionary Committee:

MR. W. W. LINCOLN.

Treasurer for the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate

MR. JOHN L. VILLALONGA.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Standing Committee:

Clergy.	*Laity.*
Rev. WM. H. CLARKE,	Mr. WILLIAM HUNTER,
Rev. SAMUEL BENEDICT,	Mr. JOHN M. GUERARD,
Rev. JOHN M. MITCHELL.	Mr. JOHN SCREVAN.

On motion of Mr. Benedict, the election of the Missionary Committee was postponed.

On motion of Mr. Macauley, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The Superintendents of the Atlantic and Gulf, Macon and Brunswick, Central, South Western, Georgia, Western and Atlantic, Atlanta and West Point and Macon and Western Rail Roads have kindly offered to the members of this Convention, who paid full fare on their respective roads, to pass them on their return free; therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby sincerely tendered to the officers named for this expression of their courtesy and kind consideration.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the Journal to each of these gentlemen in the name of this body.

On motion of the Secretary, the following resolution was adopted;

Resolved, That the next Convention of the Diocese be held in St. Peter's Church, Rome, on the Wednesday after the first Sunday in May, 1871.

On motion the resolution fixing the hour of adjournment at three o'clock was suspended and the following resolution adopted;

Resolved, That at the hour for adjournment this Body take a recess until eight o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments to the Constitution postponed from last year.

Ordered, That the proposed amendments be taken up *seriatim*.

ARTICLE II.

A Convention of this Church shall be held annually at such time and place as the previous Convention may appoint; provided, however, that no Convention shall be opened for the transaction of business unless there be present at least five clergymen and delegates from five congregations. In case of an epidemic or other sufficient cause, the Ecclesiastical Authority may change the time and place; and in case no Convention be formed, the standing officers of the last Convention shall hold their respective offices until successors shall be appointed.

The Article was adopted.

Article III was adopted in the following words;

ARTICLE III.

The Ecclesiastical Authority, shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a *Special* Convention, by a circular letter to the several Churches. There shall be not less than four weeks notice previous to the day appointsd, and such meeting shall be holden where the Authority calling it shall determine, and at such *Special* Convention no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

Article IV as laid over at the last Convention, read as follows:

ARTICLE IV.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in good standing, regularly settled and continuously exercising clerical functions in any existing parish, or who shall have been for six months last past performing missionary duties under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to the privileges of a member of the Convention; and every duly recognized Minister of this Church canonically resident for six months last past within the Diocese, being engaged in the business of literary instruction, or disabled by reason of age or infirmity from exercising clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of a right to vote; provided that no clergyman entitled to vote shall, by reason of age or infirmity, lose that privilege. Each Church or congregation in union with this Convention shall be entitled to three Lay Delegates, baptized persons, to be chosen from its own body by the wardens and vestrymen thereof; provided, however, that the minister, or (in his absence) the delegate or delegates present at any Convention may sup-

ply any vacancy in the delegation, if he or they should find at the place of meeting a member or members of the congregation which they represent.

Rev. Mr. Williams moved to amend by striking out the words "baptized persons" and inserting "communicants of the church."

Mr. Williams called for a vote by Orders.

CLERGY—*Ayes:* Rt. Rev. the BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rev. Messrs. BROWN, CLARKE, COLEY, DOWE, EPPES, HARRIS, W. H. HUNT, MITCHELL, REES, WILLIAMS.

CLERGY—*Nays:* Rev. Messrs. BENEDICT, GEORGE, BENJ. JOHNSON, MACAULEY, A. O. STANLEY, T. C. STANLEY.

PARISHES—*Ayes:* ST. PHILIP'S, Atlanta, ST. PAUL'S, Macon, ST. JAMES', Marietta.

PARISHES—*Nays:* CHRIST CHURCH, Savannah, CHRIST CHURCH, Macon, TRINITY CHURCH, Columbus, ST. JOHN'S, Savannah, ST. STEPHEN'S, Milledgeville, ST. PAUL'S, Albany, ST. MARK'S, LaGrange.

The Convention took a recess to 8 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, 8 P. M.

The Convention met and resumed the consideration of the IV Article.

Rev. Mr. Benedict moved to strike out the words "baptized persons." The Rev. Mr. Mitchell moved to amend the amendment by inserting after the words "baptized persons" the following words: "provided that no Parish having as many as six male communicants shall be represented by any other than communicants."

Mr. Whittle moved to lay the amendments on the table.

The motion was lost.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell called for a vote by Orders on the amendment to the amendment. The Rev. Mr. George was excused from voting. The Convention declined to excuse the Rev. Benjamin Johnson.

CLERGY—*Ayes:* Rt. Rev. the BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rev. Messrs. BENEDICT, BROWN, CLARKE, COLEY, HARRIS, JOHNSON, MITCHELL, REES, WILLIAMS.

CLERGY—*Nays:* Rev. Messrs. DOWE, EPPES, HUNT, MACAULEY.

PARISHES—*Ayes:* CHRIST CHURCH, Savannah, TRINITY CHURCH, Columbus, ST. PAUL'S, Macon, ST. JAMES' Marietta.

PARISHES—*Nays:* CHRIST CHURCH, Macon, ST. JOHN'S, Savannah, ST. STEPHEN'S, Milledgeville, ST. PAUL'S, Albany ST. PHILIP'S, Atlanta.

Mr. Joseph H. Smith, of St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, requests that it may be stated that he voted aye.

The question recurring on the adoption of Rev. Mr. Benediet's amendment, the Rev. Mr. Macauley called for a vote by Orders.

CLERGY—*Ayes:* Rev. Messrs. BENEDICT, MACAULEY, T. C. STANLEY, A. O. STANLEY.

CLERGY—*Nays:* Rt. Rev. the BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rev. Messrs. BROWN, COLEY, DOWE, EPPES, GEORGE, BENJ. JOHNSON, HARRIS, MITCHELL, REES, WILLIAMS, W. H. HUNT.

PARISHES—*Ayes:* CHRIST CHURCH, Macon, ST. STEPHEN'S, Milledgeville.

PARISHES—*Nays:* CHRIST CHURCH, Savannah, TRINITY CHURCH, Columbus, ST. JOHN'S, Savannah, ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Marietta, ST. PHILIP'S, Atlanta, ST. PAUL'S, Albany, ST. PAUL'S, Macon.

The IV Article was adopted.

The Convention proceeded to the VI Article, as adopted last year, which reads as follows:

ARTICLE VI.

The Convention shall deliberate and act as one body, unless five members or the Rector and delegation of any parish shall call for a division on any question, in which case each clerical member shall be entitled to one vote and the lay delegates of each congregation *jointly* to one vote.

On motion of Mr. Whittle, the words "unless five members,

or the Rector and delegation of any parish" were stricken out. The Article was then adopted in the words of the present VI Article.

The remaining Articles were adopted in the following words:

ARTICLE VIII.

At each Annual Convention, a Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen, to hold their respective offices until their successors shall be appointed. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, or cause to be received, at each Annual Convention, the assessments upon the Parishes in the Diocese for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention and the support of the Episcopate—and also to pay the Bishop quarterly, in advance, the amount of salary pledged to him by this Convention; making a faithful return of all such acts in his Annual Report to the Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

A Standing Committee shall be chosen at each Annual Meeting of this Convention, to consist of three Clerical and three Lay members; of the time and place of whose meetings due notice in writing shall be given to all the members thereof, at least one week before the time of such meeting; provided, however, that by unanimous consent a meeting may at any time be held without such notice. Four members shall constitute a quorum. The Standing Committee shall meet as soon as practicable after their election, and choose a President and Secretary from among their own number; and it shall be the duty of the President to call a meeting of the Committee whenever he shall be required to do so by any three members of the Committee. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE XII.

All elections shall be by ballot, unless the ballot be dispensed with by unanimous consent; and a majority of votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

Mr. Mitchell moved that the Articles as amended be approved. Mr. Whittle called for a vote by Orders.

CLERGY—*Ayes:* Rt. Rev. the BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, Rev. Messrs. BENEDICT, BROWN, CLARKE, COLEY, DOWE, EPPES, HARRIS, W. H. HUNT, MITCHELL, REES, T. C. STANLEY, WILLIAMS.

CLERGY—*Nays:* Rev. Messrs. GEORGE, BENJ. JOHNSON, MACAULEY, A. O. STANLEY.

The proposed amendments having been approved by a majority of both Orders, was laid over for adoption at the next Convention.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons presented the following report:

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons, respectfully recommend that the following be adopted as the Canon Law of this Diocese:

JOHN W. BECKWITH,
W. H. CLARKE,
WM. C. WILLIAMS,
SAMUEL BENEDICT,
JOHN. M. MITCHELL,
L. N. WHITTLE,
R. D. MOORE,
P. W. ALEXANDER,
R. K. HINES.

CANON I.

NEW PARISHES.

Whenever any number of persons shall desire to form a parish, they shall first obtain the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority and adopt Articles of Association in the following form:

"We, the undersigned, assembled for the purpose of organizing a parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in ——— county of ——— and State of Georgia, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Parish, to be known by the name of ——— Church, ——— and as such do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship, the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Georgia, and we do accordingly appoint A. B. and C. D, to be Wardens, and E F., G. H. and I, J, to be Vestrymen of ——— Church, to continue in office till Easter Monday, A. D., ——— and until others be chosen in their place. And an election of Wardens and Vestrymen shall be held on Easter Monday of each successive year.

"Witness our hands, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord ——— ."

They shall elect two Wardens, and any number of Vestrymen, not less than two nor more than eight. A certified copy of the articles of association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, signed by the Wardens, may then, if approved by the Ecclesiastical Authority, be laid before the Convention. If approved by that body, delegates from such Parish may take their seats in the Convention and the Parish shall be considered as united to the Convention and subject to its decisions.

CANON II.

NEW PARISHES WITHIN EXISTING PARISHES.

When any number of persons shall desire, to establish a Parish within th

bounds of any existing Parish or Parishes, they shall give due notice to the Minister or Ministers thereof, or in case a Parish be without a Minister, then to the Vestry of the same. In forwarding to the Ecclesiastical Authority, their application for permission to organize a new Parish, they shall enclose the written approval or disapproval of the Minister or Ministers, the Vestry or Vestries aforesaid, or, in case he or they fail to give either, a certificate of the fact. If the Bishop approves, the new Parish may apply for admission to the Convention.

CANON III.

PAROCHIAL BOUNDARIES.

The bounds of a Parish shall be the limits of any village, town, city or county as fixed by law, or section of a county which may be recognized by the Bishop acting with the advice of the Standing Committee. If there be but one Parish within such village, town, county or section of a county it shall be deemed the parochial cure of the Minister having charge thereof. If there be two or more Parishes therein, it shall be deemed the cure of the Ministers thereof.

CANON IV.

ELECTION OF WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN.

The election of Wardens and Vestrymen shall take place annually on Easter Monday unless some other day be specified in the Act of Incorporation, or permitted by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. The Wardens and Vestrymen shall be qualified voters in the Parish electing them. Except when otherwise specified by Charter or Act of Incorporation, the following named persons shall be alone entitled to vote: all male communicants over twenty-one years of age who shall have been connected with the Parish by actual communion for three months prior to the day of election; all pew holders and holders of single seats, being males and over twenty-one years of age, who have been pew holders or holders of seats for three months prior to the day of election, and in free churches all males over twenty-one years of age who shall have handed their names to the Rector or Senior Warden as worshippers in the Parish for six months prior to the day of the election, provided no person shall be deemed a qualified voter in any Parish who does not accede to the terms of the Articles of Association as contained in Canon I.

CANON V.

MEETINGS.

The Rector or Senior Warden, or in the absence of both, the Senior member of of the Vestry present, may call a meeting of the Vestry, and he shall call it at the request of three members thereof. The Rector is *ex-officio* Chairman.

The Committee recommend that Canon III of the present code be numbered Canon VI and have prefixed to it the title,

OF DIFFERENCES ARISING BETWEEN CLERGYMEN AND VESTRIES.

CANON VII.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

§ 1. In order to bring a Clergyman to trial in this Diocese, it is necessary in the first place that a charge be made against him, in writing, to the Standing Committee, under the proper signature of at least two male communicants and one Presbyter, all of whom belong to the Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall find the offence charged to come within the offences enumerated in Canon II, Title II of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention, they shall present the same to the Bishop in the following form :

To the Rt. Rev. A. B, Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.

The Standing Committee of this Diocese respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused, under the hands of E. F. and C. H. of [here recite the charge or charges] and the Committee are of opinion that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canons in such cases made and provided.

[Signed by the Standing Committee.]

§ 2. Upon the receipt of the foregoing presentment, the Bishop, if he deem it expedient to proceed with the trial of the case, shall make, or cause to be made, a list of all the Presbyters residing in the Diocese, and entitled to seats in the Convention. He shall then summon the accused to attend, and the said list shall be reduced to five, by the Bishop and the accused striking off names alternately, the Bishop commencing. Should the accused omit or decline to exercise this privilege, the Bishop shall strike off the names in his stead. The Bishop shall then summon the five Presbyters thus selected, to meet, at some time not within ninety days, at some place within the county where the accused shall reside or officiate for the time being ; and the said Presbyters, or a majority of their number, shall sit as the court with power to try the case.

§ 3 The Bishop shall forthwith furnish to the Standing Committee and to the accused, a list of the Presbyters summoned to constitute the Court, accompanied with a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Court. The Standing Committee shall, at least sixty days before the trial, furnish the accused with a copy of the presentment, notice of the time and place of trial, and a specification of the facts on which they expect to maintain the charges, together with a list of the witnesses. The Standing Committee shall also appoint a Church Advocate, who shall be a communicant of this Church of five years standing, and of the profession of the law, who shall conduct the prosecution. And the accused may employ counsel with the like qualifications.

§ 4. At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the Court shall assemble and choose a President from their own number, and a Secretary, either from their own number or otherwise, as they shall see fit ; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted.

§ 5. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, or to answer in person, or by counsel, according to the notice served on him as aforesaid, except for some reasonable cause, to be allowed by the Court, they shall proceed to pronounce him guilty. But if he shall appear, the Court shall proceed to the trial on the presentment, and shall adjudge him guilty or not guilty, according to the evidence; and if he be found guilty, the Court shall declare to the Bishop to what ecclesiastical censure he ought, in their judgment, to be subjected.

§ 6. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings, which shall contain a copy of the presentment, of the specifications, of the notice to the accused, and of his answer, with the evidence, both oral and written, and of the final judgment of the Court; and an attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop. If the judgment be *not guilty*, the Bishop shall give a certificate of *acquittal* to the accused, embracing a copy of the presentment and specifications; and the accused shall not be subjected to a second trial on the same charges. If the Court judge him *guilty*, on one or more points at issue, the Bishop may disapprove the judgment and order a new trial, stating his grounds for such a decision; or he may approve the judgment, and in that case he shall, within thirty days, proceed to such ecclesiastical censure as the case may, in his judgment, require, whether it be admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry; provided the penalty be not greater than that expressed in the judgment of the Court.

§ 7. The Bishop may upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee, suspend any Clergymen, against whom proceedings are instituted under this Canon, from the exercise of his official duties pending the trial.

§ 8. Every summons, notice or citation mentioned in these proceedings shall be served by the delivery of a written notice to the person to be summoned, notified or cited, by a person duly appointed in writing by the Bishop, Standing Committee, or Court, as the case may require. Should the accused absent himself, from the Diocese, so that he cannot be served personally, the Bishop may suspend him at discretion.

§ 9. The expenses incurred in trying a Clergyman under this Canon shall be met by the Treasurer of the Diocese out of the Convention Fund.

CANON VIII.

DORMANT PARISHES.

Whenever any Parish shall for three years fail to elect a Vestry or make the report required by Canon 15, Title 1 of General Convention, unless the reasons for these failures are satisfactory to the Bishop, he shall report the fact to the Convention. If the Parish shall not by the next Annual Convention be revived, its union with this Convention shall cease, and shall not be restored until it shall comply with the conditions prescribed in Canons 1 or 2 of this Diocese.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to take the necessary steps to preserve the property of such parishes for the benefit of the Church.

CANON IX.

ON MISSIONS.

The Missionary operations of the Diocese shall be under the control of the Bishop. He shall appoint the Missionaries and fix their stipends.

He shall divide the Diocese into any number of Missionary Districts not less than four. The Clergy shall, as far as is consistent, with their parochial duties perform Missionary work within their respective districts, under the direction of the Bishop. They shall also meet in Convocation at such times as the Bishop may appoint.

In the months of January, April, July and October there shall be an offertory for Diocesan Missions in every Parish and Missionary Station; with the consent of the Bishop the months for the offertory may be changed by any Rector or Missionary.

At each Annual Convention a Treasurer shall be elected, who shall hold his office until his successor shall be appointed. It shall be his duty to receive all funds collected for Diocesan Missions and pay the Missionaries their stipends, quarterly in advance, making a return of all his acts in his Annual Report to the Convention. His books shall always be open to the inspection of the Bishop or any person appointed by him.

At each Annual Convention there shall be a public missionary meeting, on which occasion there shall be such services as the Bishop may appoint.

CANON X.

COLLECTIONS.

Section 1. A collection shall be made annually in all the Congregations within the Diocese on Christmas day, or on the Sunday next before or after, for the support of the widows and orphans of Clergymen of the Diocese.

Sec. 2. A collection shall be made on Easter Day, or the Sunday before or after, in aid of the Permanent Fund for the Support of Episcopate.

CANON XI.

DUTY OF VESTRIES TO HAVE ASSESSMENTS PAID.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Vestry of each Church in connection with this Diocese, to pay, or cause to be paid, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention quarterly in advance, the amount of the assessment laid upon the Churches respectively represented by them, for the support of the Episcopate of this Diocese.

CANON XII.

It shall be the duty of the officer, whether Treasurer, Church Warden or Vestryman, renting a pew or seat in the Parish Church, to report in writing to the Rector, the name of such person or persons as soon as possible after the time of renting.

CANON XIII.

Nothing in these Canons shall prejudice the legal rights of any Parish or Vestry already existing by an Act of Incorporation.

On motion, the Canons were laid over for consideration at the next Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Mitchell, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Canon Vth be repealed and the Canon on Missions reported by the Committee on Canons be adopted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Mitchell,

Resolved, That the vestries of the several Parishes be earnestly requested to obtain communicants, if possible, to represent them in the Conventions of the Diocese.

On motion of Mr. Bogart the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the Rector and Vestry of St. Paul's Church and citizens of Albany, for their liberal and generous hospitality to the delegates, in attendance, which has rendered this Convention one of unusual social enjoyment.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Church are much gratified to find before them Parochial reports from every duly organized and operative Parish in the Diocese.

From these Reports they have gathered the following statistics:

Baptisms	655
Confirmations	274
Communicants	2880
Communion Alms	$4,772,92
Diocesan Missions	$2,248,22
Foreign and Domestic Missions	$983,55
Other Offerings	$80,902,05
Total Offerings	$89,456,74

The Committee report, with much gratification, that so far as they are informed, this amount of "total offerings" very largely exceeds that of any preceding year in the history of the Diocese. They think it good evidence of vitality in the Diocese, and a striking confirmation of the justness of the Bishop's encouraging words in his Annual Address touching the probable future growth of the Church in this Diocese, with God's blessings, as the consequence and re-

sult of the large amount of "preparatory work" done during the past conventional year.

The numbers of communicants "added by first communion" agrees more nearly than usual with the number of persons confirmed. The Committee hope that this indicates that the practice of presenting persons to be confirmed without, except in very exceptional cases, good assurance, that having thus vowed before God and the Church henceforth, by God's help, "obediently to keep His commandments," they will promptly thereafter give earnest heed to His last command. "This do in remembrance of Me," is very generally discountenanced in the Diocese.

The Committee are pained to observe the smallness of the amount of offerings for Diocesan Missions. They think it is to be attributed chiefly to the unusually large demand, made during the year past, upon many of the Parishes, for special parochial purposes, and is not indicative of any diminuation of interest in this most important work. They hope that the re-organization of missionary operations, in the Diocese, inaugurated by this Convention, will cause manifold larger Missionary Offerings to be reported to future Conventions of the Diocese.

The smallness of these Missionary Offerings being thus accounted for, the Committee see, in the documents referred to them, only evidences of prosperity and the steady advance and increased prevalence of sound Church teachings; grounds of encouragement and hope for the future, and incentives to devout gratitude to Him who alone "giveth the increase" to every good work.

JNO. M. MITCHELL.
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Whittle,

Resolved, That fifteen hundred copies of the Journal of the Convention be published under the direction of the Secretary.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Clarke, it was

Resolved, That after the usual religious services this Convention adjourn *sine die.*

The Bishop announced that the service would consist of the Confession, Absolution, Lord's Prayer, Gloria in Excelsis, Nicene Creed, Collect and Benediction.

At the close of this service the Bishop declared the Convention adjourned.

JOHN W. BECKWITH,
Bishop of the Diocese
and Ex-officio President.

Attest: WM. C. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

APPENDIX.

A.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Christ Church, Savannah.

REV. JOHN M. MITCHELL, RECTOR.

Baptism—Adults, White 4; Colored ——	4	
Infants, " 36; " 3,	39	
Total,	—	43
Confirmations,		30
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 25; by removal, 30; died, 5: removed, 8; disciplined, 1; Present Number,	—	445
Marriages,		6
Burials,		22
Sunday School Teachers,		21
" " Scholars,		184

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$1,227 35
Missions—Diocesan,	582 07
" —Domestic,	214 50
" —Foreign,	25 00
Parochial Purposes,	2,465 00
Orphans' Home,	390 00
University of the South,	585 00
Society for the Increase of the Ministry,	375 00
Other Benevolent Objects,	940 90
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	131 90
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	124 10
Bishop's Salary,	1,100 00
Convention Expenses.	100 50
	$8,261 32

In addition to the amounts, reported above under their respective heads, the vestry and congregation have expended, since last report, in enlarging, repairing, and refurnishing the church edifice, $18,231 74.

By the enlargement and by economizing space the church has additional sittings for two hundred and fifty persons, and the annual income of the Parish, for ordinary parochial purposes, not reported above, has been largely increased, and there are ordinarily fewer unoccupied sittings in the church now than before it was enlarged.

The Memorial Window, purchased with the Sunday School Lent offering reported, last year, has been placed in the East wall of the Chancel and is a beautiful tribute to the blessed memory of the first Bishop of the Diocese, who was also, for so many years Rector of this Parish.

Since the last Convention, God has gathered to his fathers, in a good old age, and as a "shock of corn fully ripe," the soul of the late venerable and venerated Robert Habersham, for many years a member of the vestry. The Parish feels his loss deeply, but rejoices with grateful joy in the holy remembrance of the precious example of his pure and spotless christian character even "unto the end."

St. Paul's Church, Augusta.

REV. WM. H. CLARKE, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults, White 8, Colored 1.	9
Infants " 25 " 5	30
Total	—39
Confirmations—White 25, Colored 2, ——Total	27
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 24. By removal 9	
" Died 5 Removed 23, Withdrawn 2	
Present number	—300
Marriages,	10
Burials,	13
Sunday Schools—White 3, Colored 1	4
Sunday School Teachers,	26
" " Scholars—White 200; Colored 50	
Total	—254

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$776 00
Missions—Diocesan,	417 50
" —Domestic, including Bounty Money of Children and cost of Missionary Papers,	80 90

—Foreign,	156 00
(Of above sums the Ladies' Missionary Society paid $152,60)	
Parochial Purposes, Expended on Church, including enlargement, Gas Fixtures and Windows, $2,455; on Rectory $1,336,	$3,791 00
Parish Children, $165 ; Sunday Schools, $455,70,	620 70
Bishop's Monument,	55 30
University of the South, collected by Agent,	325 00
Appleton Church Home,	275 00
Society for Increase of the Ministry,	65 00
Member of the Vestry to build School House for Church of the Atonement,	2,500 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	70 60
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	70 00
Bishop's Salary,	1,000 09
Convention Expenses,	74 25
" " Additional,	14 00
	$10,291 58

The Church building, now fifty years old, has been lengthened sixteen feet, giving room for twenty-six new pews, and more convenient Chancel arrangements, and three windows of stained glass have been placed in its eastern wall. The largest window, a beautiful triplet, contains a representation of the Good Shepherd bearing a lamb in His arms—a symbol of the doctrine of the Trinity—emblems of the four Evangelists, and monograms of the names of our Blessed Lord. It is a memorial of the Rev. Edward E. Ford, D. D., who was for thirty years Rector of the Parish. The other windows symbolize the two Sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are thank offerings from two persons,, one of whom has recently entered into the rest that remaineth unto the people of God.

The building has been farther improved by the introduction of gas through a number of burners placed in the ceiling overhead; the erection of a screen behind the altar; enclosing the small marble font, sacred from long use, in a neat octagon case, and the substitution of new and better carpets. The entire cost of these alterations is about $5500, of which $2500 remains a debt upon the Parish.

Some of our ladies are giving efficient aid to the Rectors of both Churches in Augusta; in their city Missionary work, in connection with the Church Guild.

The Rector records here his thanks to his vestry, for their hearty co-operation in his efforts to render "Old St. Paul's"

more worthy of Him, for whose worship it was builded; and to his whole congregation for their tender sympathy during a recent sore bereavement.

Christ Church, Macon, including St. Barnabas' Chapel.

REV. B. JOHNSON, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	6	
Infants,	9	
Total,	—	15
Confirmations—	9	
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 6; by removal, 9; died, 4; removed, 6; withdrawn, 4,		
Present Number,	—	175
Marriages,		1
Burials,		6
Sunday School Teachers,		23
" " Scholars,		233
Day Schools—Christ Church Charity School, Scholars,	38	
St. Barnabas,	33	
Total,	—	71

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$443 35
Missions—Diocesan,	300 05
" Domestic,	14 50
" Foreign,	96 00
Bishop's Residence,	5,000 00
Parish Free School,	212 00
Ladies Society, for various objects,	165 00
Parsonage Fund,	550 00
Special Benevolent objects,	600 00
Organ Fund,	1200 00
Sunday School Organ Donated,	100 00
" " Purposes,	35 00
New Sunday School Library,	200 00
Church in Griffin,	37 75
Bishop's Salary,	700 00
Convention Expenses,	77 00
Church Home,	385 00
University of the South,	275 00
St. Barnabas Communion Alms, four months,	38 15
Amount expended for St. Barnabas' Chapel and Day School,	190 30
	$10,619 60

In addition to the above the Rector gratefully acknowledges the subscription of fifty dollars per month, by gentlemen of the

congregation, for the rent of his house, also generous donations to his family from the ladies of the church. For their thoughtful and loving ministrations, "the Lord grant that they may find mercy of the Lord in that day."

A beautiful Communion Service has been presented by a member to St. Barnabas' Chapel. Upon the resignation of Mr. Rees, and withdrawal, by the Bishop, of diocesan support, the work at St. Barnabas reverted to the parochial jurisdiction of Christ Church, on the 18th January, and has been consolidated therewith. Two communicants have withdrawn to St. Paul's; voluntarily remaining with Christ Church twenty-three. The Schools are conducted by the same devoted band of Christ Church members, who have so long sustained them by their labor and means, with regular services and a monthly communion and additional teachers, this important work is increasing in efficiency. The Day School is flourishing and together with Christ Church Charity School, gathered by the present Rector, furnishing a christian education to more than seventy poor children. A Parish and Sunday School room is absolutely necessary, to give permanence and a thorough church character, to this important work.

The report for Christ Church covers ten months of service from the second Sunday of July last. The Rector found this Parish in much confusion consequent upon the division which had just taken place. But thanks to the noble co-operation of his vestry and the indefatigable zeal of the ladies, who whether in the Holy Songs of the Church, or its work have rendered such efficient service, and over all to "the God of Peace," this good old church soon rallied for earnest duty, our broken ranks were closed up, and our vacant places filled with regular and attentive worshippers. The Sunday School has largely increased, and the Rector reports with great pleasure, that this congregation is now represented by a candidate for Holy Orders.

Faithfully adhering to the Prayer Book, as in its glorious simplicity our Protestants forefathers compiled and used it;

firmly holding to the historic standards of our Articles and Homilies; "Knowing nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified," loving the "Truth and Peace," we have no fears for the future of Christ Church, Macon.

A new register of communicants having been made out, a number of members in the country hitherto reported, have been omitted. These will be added as the Rector may be authorized to do so.

Trinity Church, Columbus.

REV. SAMUEL S. HARRIS, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	9
" Infants	81
Total	—90
Confirmations—White	27
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 22; by Removal 8, —Died, 3; removed 6;	
—Present Number	—227
Marriages,	8
Burials,	10
Sunday School Teachers,	23
" " Scholars—White, about 150; Colored, 30	
Total, about	—180

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$255 00
Missions—Diocesan,	117 00
" Parochial, about	20 00
Parochial Purposes,	1,451 60
Sunday School Purpeses,	355 35
Special Benevolent Objects, about	725 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	65 00
Widow's and Orphans' Fund,	12 00
Bishop's Salary,	500 00
Convention Expenses,	51 50
Total	$3,552 45

The Rector entered upon his duties in the parish on the seventh day of August last. He has great pleasure in reporting that he has met with the warmest encouragement at the hands of his parishoners, whose hearty and ready co-operation he most gratefully acknowledges.

The Sunday School, under the faithful and efficient Superintendent, has increased to three times its former size since the

last report was made. Its officers and teachers have been organized into a Parish Society, of which the Rector is the head, under whose care the parish missionary and benevolent work, more immediately connected with the Sunday School, has been actively and successfully carried on. The Rector feels it to be his duty to make especial mention of the fidelity and earnestness of these co-laborers with him, to whom the flourishing condition of the Parish Sunday School is due.

The Rector feels it to be his duty to acknowledge the kind and thoughtful liberality of the vestry, in providing for his temporal welfare. Soon after his connection with the parish began, they insured his life in accordance with the action of the last Diocesan Convention; and in every way have held up his hands, and extended to him the most cordial sympathy and support.

The Rector has great pleasure in acknowledging, among daily evidences of the good will of his people, the presentation to him, by some gentlemen of the Parish, as a Christmas gift, the whole of his house rent for the current rental year—a sum amounting to about four hundred dollars. The ladies of the parish have presented him with a private Communion Service of great beauty and value.

It is proper to add, that, as the Holy Communion has been administered weekly in the parish, the item of contribution in the above tabular statement under the head of "Communion Alms" does not represent the amount of Communion offerings during the year; but only that part of the same, set apart for usual charitable purposes in the parish.

Rev. S. D. Laney has had charge of a missionary work of great interest near Columbus, and good results may be looked for from his earnest and faithful labors. The particulars of his work are given in his report.

St. John's Church, Savannah, and St. John's Free Chapel.

REV. SAMUEL BENEDICT, RECTOR.

REV. T. C. STANLEY, MINISTER.

Baptisms—Adults,	36	
Infants, White, 81; Colored, 1,	82	
Total,		— 118
Confirmations,		48
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 41; by removal, 29; died, 4, removed, 23.		
Present Number,		— 327
Marriages,		11
Burials,		29
Sunday School Teachers,		46
" " Scholars,		277

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$725 80
Missions—Diocesan,	321 85
Domestic,	62 25
Foreign,	74 90
Subscriptions for repairs and payment of Church debt,	12,400 00
Collections for Parish Purposes,	348 83
Bishop's Monument,	400 00
University of the South,	300 00
Orphans' Home, Macon,	500 00
" " Savannah,	4,712 00
St. John's Free Chapel, paid on the lot,	550 00
Paid on the building, &c.,	3,000 00
Salary of Minister,	687 50
Special gifts to the Mission, Melodeon, Font, &c.,	323 00
Chapel collections toward current expenses,	119 25
Raised and expended, through St. John's Church Aid Association for Church and Charitable Objects, not included above,	124 89
Bishop's Salary,	1,100 00
Convention Expenses,	71 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	57 70
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	23 00
	$25,890 97

The Church edifice has been undergoing, long needed and costly repairs, not yet completed. Funds have been raised

amply sufficient for this purpose and also for the entire extinction of the parish debt. For this satisfactory result we are indebted, mainly to one individual, by whom the movement was inaugurated and impelled, and by whose generosity the larger part of the funds needed were contributed. The parish owes him a debt of gratitude that is here thankfully acknowledged. It should also be said that the chief part of the sum, above reported, as given to our orphan asylum, is from the same thoughtful benevolence.

The great parochial work of the year has been the establishment of the Free Mission Chapel with its large Sunday School, its Parish Schools, and its settled and steadily increasing congregation. A fine lot has been secured in the midst of a rapidly improving suburb of the city, and on it has been erected a substantial brick structure, holding three hundred and fifty persons, and capable of future enlargement into a spacious and elegant church, as the congregation shall demand. The cost of the lot and building thus far has been a little over $5,400, of which $550, on the lot and about $1,400 on the building, still remain unpaid. The Mission was resolved upon fourteen months since, under the stimulus of the Bishop's presence, and with the pledge towards the salary of a Minister, for one year of $50 each, if necessary, from thirteen gentlemen of the congregation. The work began twelve months since in the offshoot from our Sunday School of nineteen pupils to form the nucleus of a mission. The Missionary took charge eleven monthe since. The following are the statistics of his report:

Baptisms—Infants, 46; Adults, 25, - - - -	71
Confirmations, - - - - - - - -	27
Communicants, gained by removal 19: anew, 23, - -	42
Burials, - - - - - - - - - -	6
Sunday School Teachers, - - - - - - -	19
" " Scholars, - - - - - - -	107
Pupils in the Parish Schools, - - - - - -	124
Collections, since August, - - - - - -	$142

All these statistics are included in the general parochial report

already given. Two of the teachers and perhaps twenty pupils belong to both Sunday Schools. The Parish School is taught by young ladies of the congregation, who gratuitously in turn give their services, two by two, week after week. The statistics of the mission, as here given separately, are an index of success far beyond our first hope. By comparison, it will be seen that through this movement, our parochial work has in the first year been doubled. It should also be said that while for the benefit of the poor the work was begun, it has gathered now a nucleus of friends that bids fair soon to make the Mission Chapel a self-supporting parish church.

These gratifying results are due, under divine blessing, to the steady labor and judicious zeal of the Minister. To him they are full of present credit and of future hope. But no such effort meets with such success, without the material aid, required. This aid has been promptly given, as it was needed, by a friend raised up as if for this special work. The Chairman of the Building Committee has taken the lead in devising ways and raising means. He has paid bills as they came due and not suffered the work to languish for lack of funds. The completion of our Chapel dates our substantial progress. But for his ready help, we are sure that, our Chapel would be yet unfinished, and the statistics of the new congregation not half so encouraging as those we now present. By his contributions, and especially by his temporary assumption of liabilities, the openings of Providence have been occupied and the labors of the Minister received a quick return.

We are indebted to many kind friends for valuable gifts; to the Vestry of Christ Church for Chancel furniture, dear from past sacred association, with little cost converted into a beautiful and appropriate chancel arrangement for our Chapel: to the Vestry of St. Paul's for Bible and Prayer Books; to the generous friend, already mentioned, for an elegant Cabinet Organ; to one gentleman of the new congregation for lamps; to another for lamps and cushions; to one class in St. John's Sunday School for a marble font; to another for a Communion Service;

to another for Communion Linen; to another for alms basins; to others for chancel cushions. The contributions of St. John's School to the amount, at Easter, of over three hundred dollars, have been chiefly devoted to purposes of the mission. With the exception of a bell, still needed, our wants have been met as they arose.

For what has been accomplished we give thanks to God, and take courage for further labor and hope for continued success.

St. Stephen's Church, Milledgeville.

REV. JOHN PHILSON, RECTOR ELECT.

Baptisms—Adults,	1	
Infants,	9	
Total,	—	10
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 1,		
Present Number,		30
Burials,		4
Sunday School Teachers,		7
" " Scholars,	—	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$33 85
Parochial Purposes,	35 14
Bishop's Salary,	25 00
Convention Expenses,	8 75
	$102 74

The present Incumbent, after having held occasional services in this parish, during the month of January last, entered upon its stated charge in February. The congregation had suffered heavily by removals since the war, and a sense of discouragement and helplessness almost paralyzed further effort on the part of the feeble remnant which was left. But by God's goodness, a new life seems to have taken possession of many, and the daughters of the Church, ever foremost in their devotion to the Cross, have taken fresh heart of grace and are doing all in their power, to renew and restore what has fallen into decay. The former system of pew-renting has been abolished by

the vestry; and the Church, irrespective of place or seat, thrown open to all who desire to come—trusting that those to whom we minister in spiritual things, will esteem it no great matter, to give freely, in return of their carnal things. This they have done recently to an extent hitherto unprecedented in the history of the Parish. The Sunday School increases steadily, and gives promise of much usefulness. In my turn with the Presbyterian and Methodist Ministers, I hold service every third week in the State Lunatic Asylum, and thus try to hold out to the afflicted inmates, the only Name whereby we can be saved. Altogether, on this my first report, I feel that we have much cause for thankfulness for the many evidences of God's goodness towards us, and much ground for encouragement with regard to the future.

St. Andrew's Church, Darien.

REV. ROBERT F. CLUTE, RECTOR,

Baptisms—Adults,	1	
Infants, White, 2; Colored, 2,	4	
Total,		— 5
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 1; by removal, 11, died, 2: removed, 3; withdrawn, 2,		
Present Number,		— 44
Marriages,		4
Burials,		7
Sunday School Teachers,		5
" " Scholars,		27

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$77 45

Chapel and School House half finished. Rectory repaired. Parish School two Teachers, forty-one Pupils.

St. James' Church, Marietta.

REV. W. ESTON EPPES, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	6	
" Infants,	7	
Total		—13

Confirmations	6
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 6; by removal 16; died 1; removed 4;	
Present Number,	93
Marriages,	2
Burials,	5
Sunday School Teachers,	12
" " Scholars	60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$65 75
Missions—Diocesan,	44 00
" Domestic,	12 50
" Foreign,	5 00
Parochial Purposes, special for Chancel Chairs,	60 00
Sunday School Library,	25 00
Sunday School Children, for books and papers	34 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	7 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	11 80
Bishop's Salary,	45 00
Convention Expenses,	21 50
University of the South,	8 15
Total,	$339 70

The Rector of St. James reports, with thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, that the little band of faithful women, with a few brave and true men, have kept to the ways of the Church, on festival and fast days; the congregation steadily growing, and giving token of devout interest in the holy services.

Some whose names were as "ointment poured forth," have found a quiet home for their mortal remains, in our Church yard; to remind us how uncertain life is, even to the best.

"Lost Mountain" has been visited, and several services held there, with good gatherings to meet us. One service about two miles east of the town. Once also, the Rector visited Kingston, by request of the Missionary, administering Holy Communion, and preaching twice to earnest congregations. He has been blest in having the assistance of Mr. A. J. Dyrsdale, a candidate for Holy Orders, who, while pursuing his

studies, has been untiring in serving as lay-reader and helper in the parish.

The Senior Warden, who has stood where many have fainted, is standing yet at his post; keeping the children together, and a leader in every good work. The ladies have been attentive and kind to their pastor's family—striving to make up to them by personal ministrations, of the most disinterested character, for that which wealth sometimes gives without feeling.

Emmanuel Church, Athens.

REV. M. H. HENDERSON, D.D. RECTOR,

Baptisms—Adults,	10	
" Infants,	22	
Total,		—32
Confirmations,		17
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 14; by removal 4; Died 3;		
Present Number,		115
Marriages,		1
Burials,		6
Sunday School Teachers,		12
" " Scholars		135

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$88 28
Missions—Diocesan,	165 00
" Domestic,	59 75
" Foreign,	17 85
Parochial Purposes,	150 00
Orphan Asylum,	$306 00
St. Mary's, Factory Chapel,	140 00
Society for increase of the Ministry,	46 00
Bishop's Salary,	125 00
Convention Expenses,	27 60
University of the South,	55 00
Total	$1,180 48

Four dollars and twenty cents, in addition to the sum mentioned above, has been contributed towards the Orphan Asylum, by a Bible class of young ladies.

Within the year, two of our oldest communicants have entered into rest, Mrs. Wm. Carr and Mrs. Wm. Brown. Both were enrolled on the first organization of the parish. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord!"

The Rector has received important aid from Rev. Mr. Knowles, especially in sustaining the services at the Factory Chapel. The field here promises the best results. A zealous member of the congregation continues to officiate as lay-reader in the absence of clerical services. On Easter morning, the Rector, assisted by Rev. Mr. Knowles, baptized *twenty-two persons*, ten of whom were adults.

There are now *five candidates for Holy Orders* connected with the parish. Three are pursuing their studies, as reported last year, under the auspices of the "Society for the increase of the Ministry" in Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; one is in the University of Georgia in this place, and the other is reading under the direction of the Rector, and will be ready for ordination in a short time.

St. Peter's Church, Rome.

REV. WM. C. WILLIAMS, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	1	
Infants,	18	
Total,	—	19
Confirmations,		5
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 4; by removal, 10; removed, 17,		
Present Number,	—	107
Marriages,		4
Burials,		4
Sunday School Teachers,		12
" " Scholars,		100

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$80 45
Missions—Diocesan,	56 00
Domestic, $8 00; Sunday School, $36 25,	44 25
Foreign, $26 00; Sunday School, $28 65,	54 65

Parochial Purposes,	447 16
Bishop's Orphan Asylum,	100 00
Special object,	32 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	13 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	6 00
Bishop's Salary,	100 00
Convention Expenses,	27 50
	$961 01

The Parish, as in former years, is largely indebted to the few ladies, who belong to the Sewing Society. Through their zeal and energy the church has been thoroughly repainted and insured. They have also aided in paying off the debts of the parish, which though small in amount, were very injurious to our progress.

St. Philip's Church, Atlanta.

REV. CHARLES W. THOMAS, RECTOR,

Baptisms—Adults,	2	
Infants,	27	
Total,	—	29
Confirmations—White, 17; Colored, 1,		18
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 12; by removal, 8; died, 5; removed, 15; disciplined, 1,		
Present Number,	—	217
Marriages,		9
Burials,		14
Sunday School Teachers,		14
" " Scholars—White, 150; Colored, 3; Total,		153

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$383 65
Missions—Diocesan,	30 00
Parochial Purposes,	500 00
Chapel at Kingston,	55 00
Mediator Church, Greensboro,	14 00
Church at Griffin,	45 00
Orphans' Home,	150 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	10 00
Bishop's Salary,	200 00
Convention Expenses,	40 00
	$1,427 65

Zion Church, Talbotton.

REV. E. DENNISTON, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms—Infants,	1
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 2; removed 1; Present Number,	15
Sunday School Teachers,	3
" " Scholars	16

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Towards support of the Missionary in charge, about	$135 00

Since I left Columbus in last August, my time has, mostly, been spent, in laboring at this point. Considerable numbers from the different denominations attend regularly, and seem deeply interested in our services, which I trust are not without profit to them. A few valuable acquisitions have been made to our communicants, and some are awaiting confirmation.

Church of the Advent, Madison.

REV. J. KNOWLES, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Infants,	3
Communicants—Added—by removal, 3; Removed, 2 Present Number,	12
Marriages,	1

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$12 20
Parochial Purposes,	120 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Convention Expenses,	3 20
Total,	$145 40

St. Paul's Church, Albany.

REV. GEORGE MACAULEY, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	1	
Infants,	9	
Total,	—	10
Confirmations,		7

Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 4; died, 1; removed 3, Present Number.	42
Marriages,	2
Burials,	12
Sunday School Teachers,	4
" " Scholars,	31

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$72 65
Missions—Diocesan,	47 70
Parochial Purposes,	581 70
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	6 90
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	10 95
Bishop's Salary,	75 00
Convention Expenses,	10 00
Total,	$824 50

The Rector in closing his report, would gratefully acknowledge the many and substantial tokens of kindness and regard extended to him, and his, by the ladies of the parish. Their unwearied labors for Sion's welfare; their love for her holy ways, and their unflagging zeal for all that is primitive and catholic has gladdened his heart and strengthened his hands. For these tokens of divine favor we give God the praise.

Church of the Atonement, Augusta.

REV. W. C. HUNTER, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	17	
" Infants,	49	
Total,		—66
Confirmations,		31
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 31; By removal, 4; " Removed, 4; Withdrawn, 2. Present Number,		104
Marriages		3
Burials,		16
Sunday School Teachers,		14
" " Scholars,		125

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$140 65

Missions—Diocesan,	68 00
Parochial Purposes,	350 00
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	25 60
Total,	$584 25

The Church School, connected with this parish was opened on the 27th of last September; since, the average number of pupils in attendance has been about seventy.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Cave Spring.

REV. R. W. B. ELLIOTT, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms—Infants,	7
Confirmations—	4
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 4; by removal, 2; removed, 2,	
Present Number,	21
Marriages,	2

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$11 75
Missions—Diocesan,	9 40
Parochial Purposes,	70 90
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Convention Expenses,	3 50
Total,	$105 55

During the year there has been an increase of communicants, and I think of interest. The Church building has been partially repaired, and entirely reglazed, and a fine bell (the gift of Mrs. E. E. Ford) has been placed in the belfry.

St. Stephen's Church, Savannah.

REV. T. C. STANLEY, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	8	
Infants,	67	
Total,	—	75
Confirmations,		11
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 12; died, 2; removed, 6; withdrawn 2,		
Present Number,	—	93
Marriages,		4
Burials,		10

Sunday School Teachers,	6
" " Scholars,	60

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$42 69
Missions—Diocesan,	7 00
Parochial Purposes,	1074 24
Total,	$1,123 93

This Parish sustained a very great loss in the death of their beloved Rector, the Rev. James Stoney. This good man, through his pious and devoted ministrations, had so won the love of his people that they felt themselves bereaved indeed.

Since his death, I have served them in addition to my work as the Minister of St. John's Chapel. The parish is in a healthy and prosperous condition and promises to be, as heretofore, a great blessing to the colored people of the city. The congregation has, in process of erection, a Rectory, which it is hoped they will soon be able to complete. The funds which have been used to build, were obtained, by the late Rector in New York. Any donations for completing the work will be thankfully received.

It should be mentioned that fifty-two baptisms, reported at St. Stephen's, were administered by the Rev. Dr. Stoney within the bounds of the Ogeechee Mission.

St. Mark's Church, Brunswick.

REV. C. H. COLEY, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	4	
Infants,	11	
Total	—	15
Confirmations,		7
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 7. By removal 19; Died 2; Removed 5, Present number		108
Marriages,		1
Burials,		3
Sunday School Teachers,		9
" " Scholars,		65

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms, not otherwise applied,	$50 40
Missions—Diocesan,	38 50
" —Domestic,	21 00

Parochial Purposes,	$107 20
Sunday School Offerings,	57 90
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	30 00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	15 00
Bishop's Salary,	50 00
Convention Expenses,	21 60
Total,	$391 60

The above report embraces a period of about six months, the Rector entering upon his duties the second Sunday in November last.

In addition to the Communicants of this parish, there are some nine or ten church people residing at St. Simon's Island, not here reported. The effort will be made before long to establish regular services at this Missionary post.

The prospects of St. Mark's Parish are most encouraging, and hold out strong hopes, through God's blessing for the future growth of the church, in this part of the Diocese.

The vestry and congregation have recognized, for months past the necessity of building a Rectory. The lot has been chosen and arrangements will soon be made towards erecting a suitable building.

St. George's Church, Griffin.

REV. C. DOWE, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	1	
" Infants	5	
Total		— 6
Confirmations,		3
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 3; by removal 1, died, 1,		
Present Number		36
Burials,		2
Sunday School Teachers,		4
" " Scholars,		25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$74 80
Missions—Domestic,	4 50
Parochial Purposes,	76 85
Church Building Fund,	2,000 00
From Foreign Sources,	1073 00
Bishop's Salary,	200 00
Convention Expenses,	7 23
Total,	$3,256

St. Mark's Church, LaGrange.

REV. J. H. GEORGE, RECTOR,

Baptisms—Adults,	2	
Infants,	3	
Total,	—	5
Confirmations,		3
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 4; by removal, 2; removed, 2, Present Number,	—	23
Marriages,		5
Sunday School Teachers,		7
" " Scholars,		40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$62 15
Missions—Diocesan,	5 00
" Domestic,	10 00
" Foreign,	5 00
Bishop's Salary,	15 00
Total,	$97 15

In my last report, to the Convention mention is made of an effort to raise funds to build a house of worship. But, I am sorry to say, but little progress has been made in that direction.

A Church organization has been effected in Newnan, under favorable auspices. Its vestry contains some of the leading men of that community. The number of Communicants is sixteen. Eight of them were confirmed by the Bishop, at his visitation, last fall. Services are held there twice a month. Rev. A. O. Stanley has had exclusive charge of this work, for some time past, and is laboring very successfully among them.

As yet, I have not been able to visit West Point —a growing town, West of this place. I understand quite a number of Communicants are there, desirous for the services of the Church.

Church of the Redeemer, Greensboro.

REV. J. KNOWLES, RECTOR.

Communicants—Removed, 2, Present Number,	12
Marriages,	1
Sunday School Teachers,	4
" " Scholars,	26

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$38 00
Parochial Purposes,	20 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Total,	$68 00

During the past year, I have had in charge "the Church of the Mediator," Washington, "Church of the Advent," Madison, and "The Church of the Redeemer," Greensboro," at the two first named places, I have held services once a month, and at Greensboro twice a month. During the three winter months, I suspended services at Washington, as we had no suitable room for holding them. At the solicitation of the Rector of Emmanuel Church, Athens, I assisted him twice a month, during the suspension of services at Washington. By the blessing of God I have been able to hold service twice on every Lord's Day of the year, and occasionally on week days. Owing to removals, there has been no increase in the aggregate number of Communicants in my charge, though, there are at present, several candidates for confirmation, and a steady increase in our congregations and a growing interest is manifest in behalf of our beloved Zion.

From the people of my parishes, I have received much kindness and attention, and it is pleasant and encouraging to labor for those who show so high an appreciation of the claims and services of the Church. For some time to come, these parishes will have to be kept up on the itinerant plan, with aid from the Missionary funds: as all three now pay less than three hundred dollars to the Pastor.

During the past year, with characteristic zeal, the ladies of the congregation at Washington and Madison, have raised funds and procured handsome organs for those Churches; and a beautiful Baptismal font, and alms basins, have been presented to the Church at Greensboro; the gift of six children of a former generous and devoted member of that parish. All the parishes are out of debt, and nearly a thousand dollars has

been subscribed to build a church in Washington, but the vestry are unwillingto go forward until this sum is increased.

St. Mark's Church, Dalton.

REV. R. W. B. ELLIOTT, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms—Adults,	1	
Infants,	3	
Total,		4
Communicants—Added—By Removal, 1. Present Number,		10
Sunday School Teachers,		4
" " Scholars,		22

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$5 00
Parochial Purposes,	125 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Convention Expenses,	2 00
	$142 00

Services have been, regularly, held in the Court House at Dalton, since my last report. The new Church is completed so far as to be ready for the flooring and windows, and we hope soon to occupy it. Once in possession of a building of our own, and we shall be able to give the work a permanence which it is impossible otherwise to obtain. The Church is wooden, cruciform, and Gothic in style, capable of containing three hundred persons.

St. Thomas' Church, Thomasville,

REV. E. P. BROWN, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	2
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 2; removed, 11; withdrawn, 1, Present Number,	23
Burials,	1
Sunday School Teachers,	6
" " Scholars,	40

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms, from February,	$21 00
Missions—Diocesan, April collection,	6 60
Parochial Purposes,	60 00
Special Benevolent Objects,	25 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00

Convention Expenses,	6 00
	$128 60

The very brief time which has elapsed, since my connection with the parish of St. Thomas Church, Thomasville, precludes any, very extended, account of work done and good accomplished. There is a healthful and growing interest in the Church and, at no very distant date, we look for the Church to be entirely self-supporting. We have great need of a tower to our church building, and also of a Parsonage. The rental of a house is a grievous tax upon the small salary of the Rector.

Church of the Mediator, Washington.

REV. J. KNOWLES, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Infants,	1
Communicants—Added—By removal, 2; removed, 2. Present Number,	13

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$8 15
Parochial Purposes,	104 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
	$122 15

Church of the Ascension, Cartersville.

REV. R. W. B. ELLIOTT, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms—Adults,	1	
Infants, White. 3; Colored, 2,	5	
Total,	—	6
Confirmations,		3
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 3; removed, 1, Present Number,		18
Burials,		3
Sunday School Teachers,		4
" " Scholars, White, 35; Colored, 3,		38

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$19 05
Missions—Diocesan,	12 55
Parochial Purposes.	190 00
Total,	$221 60

During the past year there has been, at this station, a small increase of communicants. The "Church of the Ascension" has been reglazed and a stove placed in it. The congregation believe, that our true policy, is, to dispose of the Church of the Ascension, and the twelve acres belonging to it—and with the proceeds of the sale and such outside help as could be obtained, build a church in the rapidly growing town of Cartersville. The church, at its present location, is five miles from the town.

The Missionary, again adopts this method of returning his thanks to the congregation for their continued kindness.

Kingston Mission.

REV. R. W. B. ELLIOTT, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms—Infants, White, 11; Colored, 1,	13
Communicants—Present Number,	5
Sunday School Teachers,	3
" " Scholars, White, 35; Colored, 6,	41
CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Communion Alms,	$1 50
Parochial Purposes,	20 00
	$21 50

Since May, last, a comfortable chapel has been built in Kingston; it has been finished and paid for, and the titles drawn in the name of the Bishop of the Diocese and his successors in office, there being no parish organized at this point. We have a very small but devoted membership, and our prospects become more and more encouraging every day.

St. Paul's Church, Macon.

REV. HENRY K. REES, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	2
" Infants,	14
Total	16
Confirmations,	9
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 9; by removal, 75; Present Number,	84

Burials,	4
Sunday School Teachers,	16
" " Scholars.	130

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$62 00
Missions—Domestic,	25 00
Weekly offerings for support of Minister,	1,655 00
For repairs and furniture,	1,296 00
University of the South,	200 00
Cash on hand for ceiling Church,	445 90
Total for nine months,	$3,683 90

St. Paul's Parish, Macon, was organized on the 31st of May, 1869. On the first of June I accepted a call to the Rectorship of the same. Having resigned the Rectorship of Christ Church, I continued however, to minister in Christ Church until the first of August, then I commenced regular services in St. Paul's. It was designed, in this new parish, to establish three great principles in church work. First, The weekly Eucharist, as the highest act of worship. Second, The weekly Offertory, as an act of worship, and as the means of support to the Ministry. Third, An open church and free seats for the use of all worshippers. After nine months existence, we most gratefully acknowledge God's blessing on our humble efforts. The congregation has steadily increased. We have received by removal seventy-five communicants; nine have been added by holy baptism and confirmation.

We began with a Sunday School of forty children, now, through the indefatigable labors of our Superintendent and teachers, we number one hundred and thirty. The rough car shed which we occupy, as a place of worship, has been transformed, by the untiring efforts of earnest minded church men, and zealous hearted church women, into an orderly church. A Bishop's chair, the gift of one person, holds its primitive place at the head of the chancel. While the altar, a memorial offering by another, stands forward the central and prominent object of the Sanctuary. On Easter morning a noble Oxford copy

of the Holy Scriptures was placed as a gift (from Miss Margaret Winter) upon the Lectern. Also a rich standard copy of the Prayer Book on the prayer desk. St. Paul's Parish School was opened, on the fifteenth of September, with twenty-five scholars, it now numbers seventy-five scholars in attendance, is to a great extent self-supporting, pays a permanent teacher, while associate workers continue zealously their labors. By means of this school the Rector is enabled to sustain daily prayer in the church. I cannot close this report without expressing my own, and my congregation's, heartfelt appreciation of the associated labors of the Rev. Wm. Leacock, who nobly continued with us (without reward but the consciousness of self-sacrificing labor,) during the day of small things; and we trust, he will again be with us in times of prosperity and strength.

St. Paul's Church, Newnan.

REV. J. H. GEORGE, RECTOR.

Baptisms—Adults,	2	
Infants,	1	
Total,	—	3
Confirmations,		8
Communicants—Added—By first Communion, 8; by removal 8; Died 3;		
Present Number,		16

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Communion Alms,	$5 00
Parochial Purposes,	25 00
Total,	$30 00

Columbus Mission.

REV. S. D. LANEY, MISSIONARY.

Baptisms—Adults,	1	
" Infants,	8	
Total,	—	9
Communicants—Present Number,		20

Marriages,	1
Sunday School Teachers,	3
" " Scholars	19

Under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Harris, I entered upon my Missionary work in the vicinity of Columbus, on the sixteenth day of January, and have continued my duties, every Sunday, up to the present time. I have held services and preached at every accessible point, besides distributing a number of copies of the Church Calender, and other religious papers, and about thirty copies of the "Mission Service," all of which seemed to be received with gratitude. That portion of the white population visited by the Missionary, have not presented features of as much encouragement, as could have been desired; though I may say the services have not been lightly esteemed. This part of my work has been embarrassed, mostly for the want of a house to worship in, and but for the kind offer of one or two friends, of their own private dwellings, we would have had no place. We, however, sincerely anticipate a better day, and a fuller harvest in this portion of our Master's vineyard. It is true, the church meets with some resisting influences; but, under God, by faithful perseverance, such resistance must give way, and the efficiency, and utility of her system of government, the beauty of her forms, and the purity of her doctrines will commend themselves to the hearts of a thinking people. That part of my work devoted to the colored people has been more successful, as I found already, some foundation to build upon, a small congregation having been perviously formed. They were greatly scattered, it is true, but they have, to some extent, been looked after. A Sunday School has been formed. One adult and eight children have been baptized, and one candidate prepared for confirmation. Upon the whole, this work is exceedingly encouraging, and interesting.

AUGUSTA, GA., April 29, 1870.

RT. REV. JOHN W. BECKWITH, D. D.,

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:

Since my resignation of the Rectorship of St. Mark's Church,

Brunswick, on the first of June last, I have remained without any ministerial charge. I have, however, held occasional service and preached for the people, residing at Summerville, near Augusta, for some time past my place of abode.

Trusting that the Convention of the Diocese, to assemble on the 4th proximo, may have an harmonious and useful session, permit me to subscribe myself,

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

SAMUEL J. PINKERTON.

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AUGUSTA, May 2, 1870.

RT. REV. J. W. BECKWITH, D. D.,

Bishop of Georgia.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir;

Since the date of my last report I have been engaged chiefly in teaching, Augusta being my canonical residence. Four months I spent in Atlanta, where I assisted, almost regularly, during my sojourn there, the Rector of St. Philip's Church, in that city.

In Augusta I have, as usual, rendered assistance, on communion occasions, to the Rector of St. Paul's, Church.

Very respectfully,

JOHN NEELY.

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THOMASVILLE, May 5, 1870.

TO THE RT. REV. J. W. BECKWITH, D. D.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

Finding it impossible, from the progress of my disease, to continue my ministerial duties, I resigned the Rectorship of the Church in Bainbridge, and that of St. Thomas in this place. The former in May, the latter in August, at which time the Church edifice here was nearly complete, and the first services, were held by Rev. Mr. Benedict of Savannah, who spent with us a week of profit and pleasure to us.

God has graciously raised up friends to us, during the past year of suffering and of want, who have kindly ministered to our necessities, and aided us in our distress, for whom we will ever ask His blessing.

Waiting and striving cheerfully to submit to God's will, knowing that in His own good time He will send relief;

I remain your obedient servant,

C. A. GRANT.

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AUGUSTA, May, 2, 1870.

RT. REV. J. W. BECKWITH, D. D.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

The undersigned respectfully reports, that since his arrival within the Diocese, on the 22d of September last, he has been associated with the Rev. W. C. Hunter, in the Parish of the Atonement in this city, and that he has been chiefly engaged in the Parochial School.

This School, started the first of last October, has moved on steadily, and, in the face of much opposition, has thus far kept up good average attendance, and we are glad to know, has given general satisfaction, by its scholarship as well as its discipline.

H. A. SKINNER,

Associate Priest of the Church of the Atonement.

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LAGRANGE, GA., May 1, 1870.

RT. REV. J. W. BECKWITH, D. D.,

Bishop of Georgia.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

Since my last report I have assisted the Rector of St. Mark's Church, LaGrange. I have, also, held services and preached regularly at Newnan. The prospects of the Church, at the latter place, are flattering.

Very Respectfully,

AUGUSTINE O. STANLEY.

Appendix A.

Abstract of Parochial Reports, Diocese of Georgia, to Annual Convention, May, 1870.

Churches.	Baptisms. Adults.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Total.	Confirmations.	Communicants. Added.	Communicants. Removed.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Withdrawn.	Communicants. Present Number.	Marriages.	Burials.	Schools. Scholars.	Schools. Teachers.	Contributions. Communion Alms.	Contributions. Diocesan Missions.	Contributions. Foreign Missions.	Contributions. Domestic Missions.	Contributions. Other Church and Charitable Objects.	Contributions. Total.	Rectors.
Christ, Savannah	4	39	43	30	55	8	5	..	443	6	22	184	21	$1227 35	582 07	25 00	214 50	$21444 14	$26493 06	Rev. John M. Mitchell
St. Paul's, Augusta	9	30	39	27	33	23	5	2	300	10	13	250	26	776 00	417 50	156 00	80 00	8861 15	10291 55	Rev. Wm. H. Clarke.
Christ, St Simon's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Christ, Macon	6	9	15	9	15	6	4	4	175	1	6	233	23	443 35	300 05	95 00	14 50	9765 70	10619 60	Rev. B. Johnson.
Trinity, Columbus	9	81	90	27	30	6	3	.	227	8	10	180	22	255 00	137 00	.....	.....	3160 45	3552 45	Rev. Sam'l S Harris
Grace, Clarkesville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
St. John's, Savannah	36	82	118	18	70	23	4	..	327	11	29	277	46	714 80	321 85	74 90	62 25	24717 17	25890 97	Rev. Sam'l Benedict.
St. Stephen's Mill'ville	1	9	10	...	1	...	.	..	30		4	40	7	33 85	.....	.....	.....	68 89	102 74	Rev. John Philson.
St. Andrew's Darien,	1	4	5	....	12	3	2	2	44	4	7	27	5	77 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	77 45	Rev. Robert F Clute
St. David's, Glynn,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
St. James, Marietta	6	7	13	6	22	1	1	.	93	2	5	60	12	65 75	41 60	5 00	12 50	212 45	339 70	Rev. W. Eston Eppes
Emmanuel, Athens,	10	22	32	17	18	..	3	..	115	1	6	135	12	88 28	165 00	17 85	59 75	849 60	1180 48	Rev. M. H. Henderson.
St. Peter's, Rome	1	18	19	5	14	17	..	..	107	4	4	100	12	80 45	56 00	54 65	44 25	725 66	961 01	Rev. Wm. C. Williams.
St. Philip's, Atlanta.	2	27	29	17	20	15	5	.	217	5	14	...	14	383 65	30 00	.....	.....	1014 00	1427 00	Rev Chas. W. Thomas
St Luke's Montpelier,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Zion, Talbotton	...	1	1	....	2	1	..	..	15	..	...	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 00	135 00	Rev. E. Denniston.
Advent, Madison	...	3	3	...	3	...	...	..	12	1	...	...	...	12 20	.....	.....	.....	14 40	26 60	Rev. J. Knowles.
St Paul's, Albany	1	9	10	7	4	3	1	.	42	2	12	31	4	72 65	47 70	.....	.....	684 55	834 90	Rev. Geo. Macauley.
Atonement, Augusta	17	49	66	31	35	4	..	2	104	3	16	125	14	140 65	68 00	.....	.....	375 60	584 25	Rev. W. C. Hunter.
Good Shep'rd C.Spring	...	7	7	4	6	2	.	.	21	2	...	...	...	11 75	9 40	.....	.....	84 40	105 55	Rev. R W. B. Elliott
St Stephen's Savannah	8	67	75	11	12	6	2	2	93	4	10	60	6	42 69	7 00	.....	.....	1079 24	1128 93	Rev. T C Stanley.
St. Mark's, Brunswick	4	11	15	7	26	5	2	..	108	1	3	65	9	59 40	38 50	.....	21 00	281 70	391 60	Rev. C. H. Coley.
St. George's, Griffin	1	5	6	3	4	...	1	..	36	..	2	25	4	74 80	.....	.....	4 50	2104 05	2183 55	Rev. C. Dowe
St. Mark's, LaGrange	2	3	5	3	6	2	..	..	23	5	....	40	7	62 15	5 00	5 00	10 00	15 00	97 15	Rev. J. H. George.
Redeemer, Greensboro	...	..	..	...	....	2	..		12	1	....	25	4	38 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	68 00	Rev. J. Knowles.
Ascension, Sparta	...	...	...	...	....	...		..	32	..	....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
St. Mark's, Dalton,	1	3	4	....	1	...	..		10	..	....	22	4	5 00	.....	.....	.....	137 00	142 00	Rev. R. W. B Elliott
St.Thomas, Tho'asville	2	...	2	2	2	11	..	1	23	..	1	40	9	21 00	6 60	.....	.....	101 00	128 60	Rev. E P. Brown.
Mediator, Washington	...	1	1	...	. .	2	..	..	13	..	....	....	....	8 15	.....	.....	.....	114 00	122 15	Rev. J Knowles.
St. John's, Bainbridge	...	. .	...	....	....	..	..	..	21	..	....	....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. P. T. Babbitt.
Flat Shoals' Mission	...	...	...	...	....	...	..	..	8	..	....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
Cartersville Mission,	1	5	6	3	3	1	..	..	18	..	3	38	4	19 05	12 55	.....	.....	190 00	221 60	Rev. R. W. B. Elliott.
Kingston Mission,	...	13	13	...	....	....	..	..	5	..	...	41	3	1 50	.....	.....	.....	20 00	21 50	Rev. R. W. B. Elliott.
St. Paul's, Macon	2	14	16	9	84	....	..	..	84	..	4	130	16	62 00	.....	.....	25 00	1941 90	2028 90	Rev. Henry K Rees.
St. Paul's, Newnan,	2	1	3	8	16	....	..	..	16	..	....	....	....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	30 00	Rev. J. H. George.
Columbus Mission,	1	8	9	....	....	....	..	..	20	1	3	19	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. S. D. Lancy.

APPENDIX B,

Dr. Missionary Committee of Diocese of Georgia in account with W. W. Lincoln, Cr.

To Cash paid	Bishop Beckwith	$ 200 00	By balance of account rendered		$1481 19
do do	Rev. E. Denniston	150 00	By cash, received from St. John's Church, Savannah		268 40
do do	Rev. R. Elliott	300 00	do do do	Christ Church	582 07
do do	Rev. H. K. Rees	125 00	do do do	Trinity, Columbus	118 05
do do	Rev. C. Dowe.	225 00	do do do	St James, Marietta	44 00
do do	Rev. J. H. George	150 00	do do do	Ascension, Cass	12 15
do do	Rev. T. C. Stanley	175 00	do do do	Good Shepherd, C. Spring	8 40
do do	Rev. J. Knowles	150 00	do do do	Emmanuel, Athens	94 26
do do	Rev. W. C. Hunter	150 00	do do do	St, Peter's, Rome	56 82
do do	Rev. C. A. Grant	66 67	do do do	St. George's, Griffin	14 00
do do	Rev. W. Eppes	30 00	do do do	St. Mark's, LaGrange	5 00
do do	Rev. J. Stoney	50 00	do do do	St. Paul's, Augusta	337 50
do do	Expenses of Missionaries	75 00	do do do	St. Philips, Atlanta	31 50
do do	Rev. S. J. Pinkerton	16 66	do do do	Christ Church, Macon	101 65
do do	Rev. W. C. Williams	10 00	do do do	St. Mark's, Brunswick	38 50
	Cash on hand,	$1,420 66	do do do	Rev. Dr. Henderson	25 00
			do do do	Church of Atonement, Augusta	68 50
			do do do	St. Stephen's, Savannah	7 00
		$3,293 99			$3,293 99
			1870 April 30th, By balance on hand		1,420 66

APPENDIX C.

The Wardens of Christ Church, Savannah, as Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,

REPORT:

That at the time of their last Report, viz: Easter Monday, 1869, there was a

Balance on hand of	$421 65
That there has since been received:	
From Christ Church, Savannah,	125 00
" St. Paul's, Augusta,	70 00
" St. John's, Savannah,	22 05
" St. Mark's, Brunswick	15 00
" St. Peter's, Rome,	28 20
" Trinity Church, Columbus,	12 00
" St. Paul's, Albany,	5 25
Amount from Coupons,	327 25
	$1026 40
There has been paid by order of the Bishop to different persons entitled to relief from this Fund,	$300 00
And that the Fund now consists of Bonds of the City of Savannah, with Coupons,	4,200 00
Bonds A. & G. R. R., with Coupons,	500 00
Cash on hand,	727 40
	$5,427 40

J. WALDBURG,
P. M. KOLLOCK, } WARDENS.

Dr. Georgia Episcopal Fund, in account with J. L. Villalonga, Treasurer. Cr.

1870		1869.	
Feb. 11, To paid for 1 Gulf Rail Road Bond, $500,	$385 00	May 3, By Balance in hand in former statement, . . .	$157 73
May 2, To paid for 1 City Savannah Bond and accrued interest thereon $500, ...	441 69	June 17, By Cash from St. Peter's Church, Rome, . . .	16 10
To balance in my hands this day, . . .	47 03	June 17, do do St. Paul's Church, Albany, . .	12 75
		July 1, do for Gulf Road Coupons, ...	16 62
		July 23, do do Coupons, ...	83 00
		July 24, do do Coupon, ...	3 80
		Aug. 28, do do Coupons, ...	52 50
		1870.	
		Jan. 29, do do Coupons, ...	87 40
		April 18, do from St. John's Church, Savannah, . . .	57 70
		April 21, do do Christ Church, Savannah, ...	132 00
		April 21, do do St. James' Church, Marietta, . . .	7 00
		April 21, do for City Savannah Coupons, . . .	52 50
		April 21, do do Gulf Road Coupons, . . .	16 62
		April 27, do from St. Mark's Church, Brunswick, . .	30 00
		April 27, do do Trinity Church, Columbus, . . .	65 00
		April 29, do do St. Paul's Church, Augusta, . . .	70 00
		May 2, do do St. Peter's Church, Rome, . .	13 00
	$873 72	1870	$873 72
		May 2, By Balance in my hands this day,	$47 03

Above you have my Annual Report of the Permanent Fund for the past year. By my account current it will be seen that the past year's income has been only $873 72 cents, of this amount $374 70 cents has been received from Easter offertory, the balance from accrued interest on investment. It is to be regretted that this Fund cannot be increased more rapidly. Very Respectfully,

JOHN L. VILLALONGA, *Treasurer.*

Fund consists of Bonds Montgomery and West Point, ...	$2,300 00
Mortgage Atlantic and G. R. R..	500 00
City of Savannah, ...	2,500 00
	$5,300 00

May 2, 1870.

Dr. DIOCESE OF GEORGIA in account with JNO. R. JOHNSON, Treasurer. Cr.

1870		
May 3d	To E. J. Purse, Printing Journal . .	632 77
	To W. C. Williams, Coutingent expenses .	10 00
	To H. Brigham, Discount of Bishop Beckwith's Draft, ...	I5 30
	To Expenses on Journal, General Convention	5 14
	To Bishop J. W. Beckwith's Discount on Draft, ...	5 00
	To F. A. Starr, Treasurer General Convention, ...	7 50
	To Knickerbocker Life Insurance Co., for Insurance on Bishop Beckwith's Life .	143 15
	To Manhattan Life Insurance Co. for Insurance on Bishop Beckwith's Life, .	145 00
	To Bishop J. W. Beckwith's Salary on Account.	4300 00
	Cash on hand, . , ...	453 34
		$5,717 20

BY CASH RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES.

1870.		
May 3,	By Christ Church, Savannah, Bishop's Salary,	$1,100 00
	Convention Expenses,	100 50
	By St. John's, Savannah, Bishop's Salary.	1,100 00
	Convention Expenses,	71 00
	By St. Paul's, Augusta, Bishop's Salary,	1,000 00
	Convention Expenses,	74 25
	By Christ Church, Macon, Bishop's Salary,	700 00
	Convention Expenses,	77 50
	By Trinity Church, Columbus. Bishop's Salary,	500 00
	Convention Expenses,	51 50
	By Emmanuel, Athens, Bishop's Salary,	125 00
	Convention Expenses,	24 50
	By Atonement, Augusta, Bishop's Salary,	00 00
	Convention Expenses,	18 75
	By St. Philip's, Atlanta, Bishop's Salary,	200 00
	Convention Expenses,	50 00
	By St. Paul's, Albany. Bishop's Salary,	75 00
	Convention Expenses,	10 00
	By St. James', Marietta, Bishop's Salary. in part,	45 00
	Convention Expenses,	21 50
	By St. Peter's, Rome, Bishop's Salary,	100 00
	Convention Expenses,	27 50
	By St. Mark's Brunswick, Bishop's Salary,	50 00
	Convention Expenses 1868-69,	33 70
	By Redeemer, Greensboro, Bishop's Salary, 1868,	10 00
	By St. Mark's, Dalton, Bishop's Salary,	10 00
	Convention Expenses,	2 00
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Dr. Report of the Treasurer of the Diocese, (CONTINUED) Cr.

Amount brought forward, : : : :	$5,717 20	BY CASH RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES.	
		1870.	
		Amount brought forward,	$5,577 70
		By St. Andrew's, Darien, Bishop's Salary, '68 bal.,	13 50
		Convention Expenses,	8 00
		By St. Thomas', Thomasville, Bishop's Salary,	10 00
		Convention Expenses,	6 00
		By Good Shepherd, Summerville. Bishop's Salary,	25 00
		By St. Stephen's, Milledgeville,	33 75
		By St. George's, Griffin,	28 25
		By St. Mark's, LaGrange,	15 00
	$5,717 20		$5,717 20
		Balance on hand,	453 34

JOHN R. JOHNSON, *Treasurer Diocese of Georgia.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Georgia.

ARTICLE I.

The Church in this Diocese, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the general Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

A Convention of this Church shall be held at such time of each year, and place, as the previous Cenvention may appoint; provided, however, that no Convention shall be opened for the transaction of business unless there be present at least five Clergymen, and Delegates from five congregations. And in case no Convention be formed, the standing officers of the last Convention shall hold their respective offices until successors shall be appointed.

ARTICLE III.

The Bishop, or (if the Episcopate be vacant) the Standing Committee, shall have power, when it appears requisite for the good of the Church, to call a *Special* Convention, by a Circular Letter to the Churches. There shall be not less than four weeks notice previous to the day appointed, and such meeting shall be holden where the authority calling it shall determine, and at such *Special* Convention no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Lay-

men. Every Clergyman in good standing, regularly settled and continuously exercising clerical functions in any existing Parish, or who shall have been for six months last past performing missionary duties under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to the privileges of a member of the Convention; and every duly recognized Minister of this Church, canonically resident for six months last past within the Diocese, being engaged in the business of literary instruction, or, disabled by reason of age or infirmity, from exercising clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of a right to vote. Each Church, or congregation, in union with this Convention shall be entitled to a representation by one Lay Delegate or more, not exceeding three, to be chosen from its own body by the Wardens and Vestrymen thereof; provided, however, that the Minister, or (in his absence) the Delegate or Delegates present at any Convention may supply any vacancy in the delegation, if he or they should find, at the place of meeting, a member or members of the congregation which they are empowered to represent.

ARTICLE V.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention by a majority of votes; provided, that they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens, that they accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and are regularly organized by the election of of two Wardens, and any number of Vestrymen, at discretion, not exceeding eight.

ARTICLE VI.

The Convention shall deliberate and act as one body, unless when a member shall call for a division on any question, in which case each clerical member shall be entitled to one vote, and the Lay Delegates of each congregation *jointly* to one vote, and a majority of both orders shall be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE VII.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio* President of the Convention. In case there be no Bishop, or in his absence, a presiding officer shall be elected from the clerical members present.

ARTICLE VIII.

At each Annual Meeting of the Convention, a Secretary and Treasurer shall be chosen, to hold their respective offices until the next Annual Convention, or their successors shall be appointed. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, or cause to be received, at each Annual Convention, the assessments upon the Parishes in the Diocese for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention and the support of the Episcopate, and also to pay the Bishop quarterly, in advance, the amount of salary pledged to him by this Convention; making a faithful return of all these his acts in his Annual Report to the Convention of this Church.

ARTICLE IX.

A Standing Committee shall be chosen at each Annual Meeting of this Convention, to consist of three Clerical and three Lay members; of the time and place of whose meetings due notice in writing shall be given to all the members thereof, at least one week before the time of such meeting. At a meeting thus notified, any four members shall constitute a quorum. The Standing Committee shall meet as soon as practicable after their election, and choose a President and Secretary from among their own number; and it shall be the duty of the President to call a meeting of the Committee whenever he shall be required to do so by any three members of the Committee. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE X.

The Convention shall, triennially, at the session immediately preceding the meeting of the General Convention, elect four Clergymen, with their respective Alternates, and four Laymen,

with their respective Alternates, who shall be communicants of the Church, resident in this Diocese, as Deputies to the General Convention. The Deputies so elected shall be authorized to represent this Diocese in that or any Special Convention till their successors are chosen.

ARTICLE XI.

A proposition for altering and amending this Constitution shall be introduced in writing, and considered in Convention, and, if approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next Convention, when, upon consideration again, if it be approved by a majority of the Convention, it shall be adopted.

ARTICLE XII.

In all elections by ballot, a majority of votes shall be required for a choice.

CANONS.

CANON I.

SECTION 1. Whenever any number of persons shall associate to form an Episcopal congregation, they shall adopt Articles of Association for their government, in which they shall acknowledge and accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Georgia; they shall assume a suitable name by which their Church, or Parish, shall be designated, and elect two Wardens and any number of Vestrymen, at discretion, not exceeding eight. A certified copy of the Articles of Association, and of the proceedings at their adoption, signed by the Wardens, shall then be laid before the Convention, and if approved by that body, Delegates from such congregation, or Parish, may take their seats in the Convention, and the congregation shall be considered as united to the Convention, and subject to its decisions.

SEC. 2. The election of Wardens and Vestrymen in every Parish thus constituted, shall take place annually on Easter Monday, unless some other time be specified in the act of incorporation, with the assent of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. Except when otherwise specified by charter or act of incorporation, the following named persons shall be alone entitled to vote: All pew-holders, and all holders of single seats, being males and over twenty-one years of age, who have been pew-holders, or holders of seats, for three months prior to the day of election; and all communicants, being males and over twenty-one years of age, who shall have been connected with

the Parish by actual communion for three months prior to the day of election.

CANON II.

Parochial boundaries shall be the limits of any village, town, city, county, as fixed by law, or section of a county which may be recognized by the Bishop, acting with the advice of the Standing Committee.

If there be but one Church, or congregation, within such village, town, city, county, or section of a county, it shall be deemed the parochial cure of the Minister having charge thereof. If there be two or more congregations, or Churches, therein it shall be deemed the cure of the Ministers thereof.

When any number of persons shall desire to establish a new Church, or congregation, within the bounds of any existing Parish, they shall give notice to the Minister or Ministers thereof, or in case the Parish or Churches be without a Minister or Ministers, then to the Vestry or Vestries of the same. In forwarding to the Bishop their application for permission to organize a new Parish or Church, they shall enclose the written approval, or disapproval, of the Minister or Ministers, Vestry or Vestries aforesaid; or, in case he or they fail to give either, a certificate of the fact.

CANON III.

SECTION 1. In case of controversy between any Rector or Assistant Minister of any Church, or Parish, and the Vestry of such Church, or Parish, which cannot be settled by themselves, the parties, or either of them, may make application to the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall thereupon make a list of all the Presbyters residing in the Diocese and entitled to seats in the Convention, and also a list of all Lay Delegates, communicants of the Church, elected to the Convention of the Diocese next preceding the appeal to the Bishop. He shall then summon the said Rector, or Assistant, and some member of the Vestry, a communicant of the Church, to attend, and the said list shall be reduced to three Clergymen and three Laymen, by

the Rector, or Assistant, and the other party, striking off names alternately, the Rector commencing. Should either party omit or decline to exercise the privilege, the Bishop shall strike off the names in the stead of the party so omitting or declining.

SEC. 2. The Presbyters and Laymen thus selected, or designated, shall be summoned by the Bishop to attend, at some convenient time and place, to consider such controversy.

SEC. 3. If it shall appear to the Bishop and a majority of such Presbyters and Laymen thus summoned, that there is no hope of a favorable termination of such controversy, and that a dissolution of the connection between such Rector, or Assistant Minister, and congregation is necessary to restore the peace of the Church and promote its prosperity, the Bishop and such Presbyters and Laymen shall recommend such Minister to relinquish his connection with such Parish, or Church, on such conditions as may appear to them proper and reasonable.

SEC. 4. If any Rector, or Assistant Minister, shall refuse to comply with the recommendation of the Bishop, Presbyters and Laymen, the Bishop and Presbyters may proceed, according to the Canons of this Church, to suspend him from the exercise of any ministerial functions within the Diocese, until he shall retract his refusal; or, if the Vestry shall refuse to comply with such recommendation, they shall not be allowed any representation in the Diocesan Convention until they shall have retracted their refusal.

CANON IV.

In case any Clergyman of this Diocese shall be accused of Error in Doctrine, Immorality of Life, or Neglect or Transgression of any of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, or this Diocese, it shall be the duty of any two or more Clergymen, or of the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of which he is Rector, or to which he may belong, who shall have knowledge or belief of such misdemeanor, to represent the same to the Bishop, or, (in case there be no Bishop) to the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

In the event of such representation, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or (if there be no Bishop) the Standing Committee, if he or they shall deem the charge or charges worthy of investigation, forthwith to notify the accused of such charges, together with the time and place appointed for trial. The mode of trial shall be as follows: The Bishop, (or Standing Committee, as the case may be,) shall appoint a number of Presbyters, not less than five, of whom the person accused may select a majority, by whom to be tried. The result of the trial shall be made known to the Bishop, or (if there be no Bishop,) to the Standing Committee, who shall pronounce and execute, or cause to be pronounced and executed, such sentence as may be awarded, should the same by him or them be deemed just and proper.

Should the sentence be suspension or degradation from the ministry, the Bishop or Provisional Bishop, or should there be none, some neighboring Bishop, shall be required to pronounce the same.

Should it be impossible to obtain from the Diocese the requisite number of Presbyters to constitute a board of trial, the deficiency may be supplied from a neighboring Diocese.

Should any Clergyman, accused and cited for trial according to the provisions of this Canon, neglect or refuse to obey the citation, such neglect or refusal shall be considered as an acknowledgement of the truth of the charges preferred against him, and sentence shall be pronounced accordingly.

CANON V.

§ 1 The Missionary operations of the Diocese shall be under the control of the Bishop. He shall appoint the Missionaries and fix their stipends.

§ 2 He shall divide the Diocese into any number of Missionary Districts not less than four. The Clergy shall, as far as is consistent with their parochial duties, perform Missionary work within their respective districts, under the direction of the Bishop. They shall also meet in Convocation at such times as the Bishop may appoint.

§ 3 In the months of January, April, July and October there shall be an offertory for Diocesan Missions in every Parish and Missionary Station; with the consent of the Bishop the months for the offertory may be changed by any Rector or Missionary.

§ 4 At each Annual Convention a Treasurer shall be elected, who shall hold his office until his successor shall be appointed. It shall be his duty to receive all funds collected for Diocesan Missions and pay the Missionaries their stipends, quarterly in advance, making a return of all his acts in his Annual Report to the Convention. His books shall always be open to the inspection of the Bishop or any person appointed by him.

§ 5 At each Annual Convention there shall be a public missionary meeting, on which occasion there shall be such services as the Bishop may appoint.

CANON VI.

SECTION 1. A collection shall be made annually, in all the Congregations within the Diocese, on Christmas day, or on the Sunday next before or after, for the support of the widows and orphans of Clergymen of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. A collection shall be made on Easter Day in aid of the Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate.

CANON VII.

It shall be the duty of the Vestry of each Church in connection with this Diocese, to pay, or cause to be paid, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention at each annual meeting of the Convention, the amount of the assessment laid upon the Churches respectively represented by them, for the support of the Episcopate of this Diocese.

CANON VIII.

Each Church duly represented in the Convention shall pay, or cause to be paid, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention, the sum of twenty-five cents for each white communicant, annually, for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention.

CANON IX.

It shall be the duty of the officer, whether Treasurer, Church Warden or Vestryman, renting a pew or seat in the Parish Church, to report in writing to the Rector, the name, of such person or persons, as soon as possible after the time of renting.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1. The Convention shall be opened with Morning Prayer and a Sermon, delivered by a Clergymen appointed by the Bishop, and the administration of the Holy Communion. The business of each subsequent day shall begin with the order of Morning Prayer, and a Sermon if so appointed.

Rule 2. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the Chair.

Rule 3, The order of doing business in the Convention shall be as follows:

1. The appointment of a Secretary by ballot.
2. The appointment of the Committees of the Convention, and Special Committees.
3. The Annual Address of the Bishop.
4. The reading of the Parochial Reports.
5. Reports from the Committees of the Diocese.
6. Reports from the Treasurers.
7. Reports from Committees appointed at the last Convention.
8. Reports from Committees.
9. Elections by ballot, of Treasurers, Standing Committee of the Diocese Diocesan Missionary Committee, and Deputies to the General Convention.

Rule 4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or present any matter to the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

Rule 5. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

Rule 6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the Convention

Rule 7. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be drawn into debate the same session, unless with the consent of two thirds of the Convention; provided always, that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any question, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, or on the succeeding day, move a reconsideration of said vote.

Rule 8. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.

Rule 9. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be re-

ceived, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone to a certain time, to post pone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it or divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motions to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

RULE 10. A question on amendment shall decided before the original motion.

RULE 11. Every member who shall be present when the question is put shall vote, unless personally interested, or excused by the Convention from voting.

RULE 12. When the Convention is about to rise or adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President shall leave the Chair.

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OF THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

ADOPTED IN 1842.

Resolved, That in the organization of new Parishes, the following form of declaration be recommended, and that the meeting in which it is adopted be held and conducted according to the provisions of Canon 1:

"We, the subscribers, assembled for the purpose of organizing a Church (or Parish) of the Protestant Episcopal Church in———County of———and State of Georgia, after due notice given, do hereby agree to form a Church (or Parish) to be known by the name of———Church,———and as such do hereby acknowledge and accede to the doctrine, discipline, and worship, the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Constitution and Canons of the same Church in the Diocese of Georgia; and we do accordingly appoint A B and C D to be the first Wardens, and E F, G H, I J, to be the first Vestrymen of——— Church, to continue in office until Easter Monday, A. D.,———and until others be chosen in their place. And an election of Wardens and Vestrymen shall be held on Easter Monday of each successive year.

"Witness our hands at———, County of———, and State of Georgia this———day of———, in the year of our Lord———."

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OF THE USE OF CHURCHES.

ADOPTED, 1842.

On motion, it was unanimously—*Resolved*. That it be recommended to the Vestries of our Churches in this Diocese, to discourage the use of the Churches under their care for all "*unhallowed, worldly and common uses.*"

The Style and Title of Churches.

The proper style for a duly incorporated congregation is, "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vertrymen, (or else the Church Wardens and Vestrymen,) of———Church, in———," the first blank being left for the name of the Church, the other for that of the place.

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Of Lay Delegates to the Convention.

ADOPTED IN 1870.

Resolved, That the Vestries of the several Parishes, be earnestly requested to obtain Communicants, if possible, to represent them in the Conventions of the Diocese.

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Form of Certificate.

This certifies that at a meeting of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, or Wardens and Vestrymen, (if no Rector be present,) of ——— held on the ——— day of ——— the following person, (or persons, as the case may be, viz: K L, M N, and O P, were duly elected to represent this Church in the next Convention of the Diocese to be held in ———, on the ——— day of ———, 18—.

The above certificate shall be signed by the Rector, if present, or in his absence, by one of the Wardens, or by the Secretary of the Vestry.